



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Tuesday, January 20, 2015

7:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Nancy Strand, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

**Excused:** 1 - Assembly Member John Havrilek

### 2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2015

**Attachments:** [January 5, 2015 Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved, as submitted.

### 5. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

### 6. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

*Dave Kensinger, resident and business owner, spoke in support of the Borough purchasing land at Papke's Landing. He informed the Papke's dock area is used not only by the immediate area residents and lodge owners, but also by many in-town residents. He believed Borough ownership of some of the property in the area would benefit the community as the other governmental agencies would be more responsive to the Borough than to individuals.*

### 7. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

*No comments.*

### 8. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

*No reports.*

## **9. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Local Acknowledgement of 2015 Gaming Permit Applications for the Petersburg Rod & Gun Club and Petersburg Little League**

**Attachments:**     [Petersburg Rod & Gun Club Permit Ap.pdf](#)  
                                 [Petersburg Little League Permit Ap.pdf](#)

The permit applications were acknowledged.

## **10. Report of Other Officers**

*No reports.*

## **11. Mayor's Report**

*Mayor Jensen advised there would not be a quorum for the February 17 meeting; and the Borough was notified late this afternoon that it had won its dangerous building suit against Karen Ellingstad and Fred Triem.*

**The February 17 Assembly meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum; and the Manager will send notice to Ellingstad and Triem giving a time when the dangerous building at 1011 Wrangell Ave. violation must be remedied.**

## **12. Manager's Report**

### **01-20-2015 Report**

**Attachments:**     [Manager report 01202015](#)

In absence of the Manager, Clerk O'Rear read the written Manager's report.

## **13. Unfinished Business**

### **Ordinances for Second Reading**

### **A. Ordinance #2014-20: An Ordinance Providing Parking Regulations and Fines for Parking Violations and Repealing the Remaining Chapters of the Old City Code (short title).**

**Attachments:**     [Ord. #2014-20.pdf](#)

*The ordinance would finalize the transfer of City of Petersburg traffic ordinances to Borough Code. The Assembly had previously adopted Ordinance #2013-25 that listed the State statutes and regulations that were adopted for use in the Borough to address our most common motor vehicle enforcement needs. The second reading of the ordinance had been postponed until Police Chief Swihart was available to answer questions. During discussion of the ordinance, it was questioned why the parking restrictions should be applied borough-wide. It was noted that although the police department does not routinely enforce parking*

*restrictions outside of service area one, there may be need for the parking ordinance outside of service area one when performing contracted services with the Forest Service and State Police. If written under local ordinance, the fine for an infraction would come to the borough versus the State.*

**The ordinance was passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote in second reading.**

#### **14. New Business**

**A. Ordinance #2015-01: An Ordinance Providing for a Joint Thomas Bay Power Advisory Committee with Wrangell (short title), First Reading**

**Attachments:**     [Ord #2015-01 TBPC.pdf](#)

*The ordinance mirrored the City and Borough of Wrangell's ordinance #890 that passed in its first reading on January 13. The ordinance provided for a joint advisory committee that will only meet and be active when both municipalities' assemblies believe there is a matter to be addressed between the communities. Wrangell was expected to finalize their ordinance on January 27. During discussion, it was noted that if the ordinance is approved, a Charter amendment to remove the Thomas Bay Power Authority from the Charter will be placed on the October election ballot.*

**The ordinance was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.**

**B. Ordinance #2015-02: An Ordinance Providing for a Farm Property Tax Exemption and Submitting the Ordinance to the Voters (short title). First Reading.**

**Attachments:**     [Ord. #2015-02 Farm Property Tax Exemption.pdf](#)

*The ordinance provided for a property tax exemption for farm structures when a land owner meets specific requirements. The ordinance, if approved by the Assembly, would require voter approval. Discussion was held on what effect the legalization of marijuana would have on the potential number of exemptions applied for and approved. To some assembly members, 10% of income based on farming appeared to be a very small percentage of income to qualify for an exemption.*

**The Ordinance was approved in first reading by unanimous Roll Call Vote.**

**C. Resolution #2015-01 - Supporting Enactment of Healthy Forests/Timber Reform Legislation that would Expand Local Timber Economies**

**Attachments:**     [Res. #2015-01.pdf](#)

*The resolution urges the federal government to enact a Healthy Forests Bill in the first quarter of 2015 that includes retroactive Secure Rural Schools payments and provides a long term funding source to assist in the expansion of local timber economies. Prior to adoption, the resolution was amended in the second whereas clause to reference Payment in Lieu of Taxes funding.*

**The resolution, as amended, was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.**

**D. Resolution #2015-02 - Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Mental Health Trust Land Office's Winter Land Sale for Property Located at Papke's Landing**

## 13 comments of purchase or non purchase of Papke's Land.pdf

*establishing local regulations. The Assembly appeared split on whether to wait until the State finalizes regulations or to move forward now with local regs. In response to the Mayor's request for his opinion, Police Chief Swihart believed it would benefit the community to begin educating and preparing itself. Although there are pros and cons to be considered, the Chief said he had most concerns on the safety aspects related to grow operations and the concentration of THC in edibles. Discussion continued with it noted that where commercial dispensaries are located has been a large controversial topic in many Colorado communities and is a matter that needs to be determined by our community. Chief Swihart was asked to provide a presentation on what the law allows and does not allow so everyone is on the "same page". Chief said he would try to provide information, however there are still many unanswered questions that the State must address.*

**Consensus was the assembly will conduct a public comment period at each upcoming assembly meeting. A public comment period was not defined.**

## **17. Executive Session**

- A. By unanimous Roll Call Vote the Assembly adjourned to Executive Session to discuss which lots in the Seaduck Subdivision the Borough would make sealed purchase bids on and what dollar amount should be bid on each lot.**

*Assembly to Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.*

*Regular Session was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.*

*By a Roll Call Vote of 5-1 (Member Strand opposed) staff was directed to submit bids as discussed in executive session.*

## **18. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Debra K. Thompson, Deputy Clerk