



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, December 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Taylor Norheim, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended, adding item 17 C. Landless Native Discussion to Assembly Discussion Items.

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Dana Thynes spoke on her own behalf addressing COVID-19.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. SEAPA Board Chair Lynn

Member Lynn gave an update on the replacement of the submarine cable.

B. EOC IC Hagerman

Attachments: [EOC Response to Sarah Reid Questions of 12.7.2020](#)
[COVID19 Test Educational Sheet PMC](#)

EOC IC Hagerman prepared responses to the questions posed by Sarah Reid at the last Assembly meeting.

12. Mayor's Report

A. December 21, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [December 21, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. December 21, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [December 21, 2020 Manager's Report](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2020-24: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY2021 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-24 for 3rd and Final reading](#)

Ordinance #2020-24 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

15. New Business

A. Approval of Manager Giesbrecht's Appointment of Stephanie Payne as the Borough's Parks and Recreation Department Director

Manager Giesbrecht's appointment of Stephanie Payne as the Parks & Recreation Department Director was

unanimously approved.

- B.** State of Alaska COVID-19 Airport Greeting, Screening and Testing Services Contract Extension and Petersburg Borough/Petersburg Medical Center Memorandum of Agreement Extension to Provide COVID-19 Airport Testing

Attachments: [EOC IC Hagerman Memo re Airport Testing Contract Extension](#)
[State of Alaska Contract #C0620-523 Amendment #3](#)
[Airport Testing MOA with PMC Extension](#)

The COVID-19 Airport Greeting, Screening and Testing Services contract extension was unanimously approved.

- C.** Non-Congregate Emergency Sheltering Agreement Extension

Attachments: [EOC IC Hagerman Memo re Non-Congregate Sheltering Agreement Extension](#)
[Emergency Shelter Rental Agreement Addendum #3](#)

The Non-Congregate Emergency Sheltering agreement extension was unanimously approved.

- D.** Memorandum of Agreement between the Petersburg Borough and Petersburg Medical Center for PMC to Provide Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing for Mountain View Manor Employees who Voluntarily Request to be Tested

Attachments: [Asymptomatic Testing of MVM Employees MOA](#)

The Memorandum of Agreement between the Petersburg Borough and Petersburg Medical Center for PMC to provide asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for MVM employees who volunteer to be tested was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

- A.** Correspondence Received Since December 3, 2020

Attachments: [Senator Bert Stedman 12.4.2020](#)
[M. Truex 12.4.2020](#)
[J. Bryner 12.4.2020](#)
[S. Yip 12.4.2020](#)
[T. Nelson 12.6.2020](#)
[T. Phillips 12.6.2020](#)
[N. Strand 12.7.2020](#)
[C. Truex 12.7.2020](#)
[R. Knight 12.7.2020](#)
[D. Beebe 12.7.2020](#)
[C. Smythe 12.7.2020](#)
[M. Truex 12.7.2020](#)
[D. Thynes 12.7.2020](#)
[Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office 12.9.2020](#)
[M. Fernandez 12.14.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. By Mail Municipal Elections / Secure Ballot Drop Boxes

Assembly Member Meucci would like to have a discussion at a future date regarding by-mail elections and secure ballot drop boxes.

B. Sanitation Department Voucher Program

Assembly Member Meucci inquired whether the voucher program was working at the Landfill or if the "Free Dump Days" ought to be brought back.

C. Landless Native Discussion

Member Meucci stated that he will add a discussion item on the January 4th meeting agenda to think about a road map for what the Borough would like to see regarding the Landless Native legislation.

D. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Kensinger addressed the safety measures in place during the COVID-19 pandemic and how they can keep us safe.

Assembly Member Tremblay spoke on members of the public being allowed to testify at any point of the meeting rather than at the designated time.

Assembly Member Norheim mentioned that Donald Trump Jr. was in town and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Jensen stated there was an email from Sardfa-Sea Otter working group looking for volunteers. Mayor Jensen wants to be clear that if an Assembly member were to join in that working group, it would be as a private citizen and not representing the Assembly as a whole.

E. Recognitions

Member Tremblay recognized the Rotary Club and everyone who participated in the boat parade and also thanked all those involved in the Christmas concert broadcast over KFSK from the Petersburg Lutheran Church and, lastly, thanked everyone for wearing your mask.

Member Stanton-Gregor stated that we all have much to be grateful for and specifically thanked EOC IC Karl Hagerman.

EOC IC Hagerman thanked Member Stanton-Gregor for his comments and wanted to continue those thanks by reading into the record a letter from the EOC Public Information Officer recognizing the efforts made by the EOC team and the community. The team consists of: Phil Hofstetter Co-Incident Commander; Tara Alcock, Public Information Officer; Steve Giesbrecht, Liaison Officer, Dr. Mark Tucillo, Medical Officer; Ryan Welde, Safety Officer, Theresa Craig, Administrative Assistant; Sandy Dixson, Operations Section Chief; Erin Michaels, Public Health with assistance from Ashley Kawashima, Chris Weiss, Julie Walker, representing PMC; Jim Kerr, Public Safety Finance Director; Glo Wollen, Ports and Harbors Finance Director; Stephanie Payne, directing the non-congregating sheltering effort with assistance from Christine Lynn; Liz Cabrera has handled Planning; Chris Cotta, Logistics with Deputies Ralph Johnston, Christina Sargent, Molly Taiber and Derrick O'Soup assisting; Jody Tow, Finance; and two community representatives, Erica Kludt-Painter from the school and from the Chamber of Commerce, Mindy Lopez. A big thank you to all of you!!

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved _____