



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Monday, May 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### Special Meeting

#### 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 Eric Castro, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

#### 2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

#### 3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

By a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Members Strand and Marohl opposed, an amendment was made to add, under Unfinished Business, the Mayor's appointment to the Harbors and Ports Advisory Board. The agenda was approved with this amendment.

#### 4. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Three members of the PMEA negotiating team, Joe Bertagnoli, Blake Buotte, and APEA's Joel Hill, each spoke encouraging the Assembly to not ratify the proposed contract before them. It was explained that the Union disagrees that this document is actually the Last Best and Final, stating that they believe the last mediated agreement is actually what should be considered the Last Best and Final. Each addressed what they considered hostile negotiating and bullying by the Borough's lead negotiator, John Hoag. Mr. Hill explained that he had filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the Borough, and that if the Assembly were to move forward with ratification, he would be forced to file another on behalf of the Union. Mr. Hill stated the Union was willing to come back to the table. He expressed his hope that Manager Giesbrecht would consider meeting with him to settle the contract.

#### 5. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Clerk Thompson read a letter sent in by Bill Tremblay regarding the Tonka Stewardship contract and his hope the Assembly would support holding the Forest Service and the contractors accountable.

#### 6. Unfinished Business

##### A. Planning for the Future Meeting Ideas

**Attachments:** [Summary of Planning Meetings.PDF](#)

After discussion regarding how to move forward with the list of ideas presented by the community during the Future Planning meetings, the Assembly voted unanimously to each pick three ideas they would like to see researched more thoroughly for possible implementation and bring these ideas to a meeting in September.

- B. Ordinance #2018-12: An Ordinance Amending and Updating Title 16 of the Municipal Code (Chapters 16.04 Entitled "Definitions", 16.12 Entitled "Acquisition and Disposal of Borough Owned Lands", and 16.16 Entitled "Tidelands"), Adding Provisions for Land Exchange, and Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

Attachments:     [Ordinance #2018-12.PDF](#)

This Ordinance was unanimously approved in its third and final reading

- C. Ordinance #2018-14: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019

Attachments:     [Ordinance #2018-14.PDF](#)

[Finance Director Tow Memo re Proposed Budget Changes.PDF](#)

When asked by the Assembly, Manager Giesbrecht explained the purpose behind the \$2,000 bonus placeholder for Department Heads and how decisions were made on determination of wage increases for all positions within the Borough.

Member Meucci then made a motion to amend the budget to include funds to open the Library for four hours on Sunday afternoons. Library Director Alcock explained it would require hiring two additional part-time employees, plus increasing funds for janitorial services and utilities. She said that this increase would be a minimum of \$40,000 a year, an increase of 10% to the Library budget. This amendment failed by a vote of 6-1, Member Meucci in favor.

Member Meucci then made a motion to amend the budget to include funding the Museum at their full request level, an additional \$2,100. He explained that these funds could be taken from the Transient Room Tax Fund. This amendment failed by a 4-3 vote, Members Meucci, Castro, and Marohl in favor.

Ordinance #2018-14 unanimously passed in its first reading.

- D. Unilateral Implementation of the Borough's Last Best and Final Offer with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association (PMEA)

Attachments:     [J. Hoag Letter to Assembly re LBO.PDF](#)

After discussion regarding the information provided during Visitors' Views Related to the Agenda, the Assembly voted unanimously to postpone a vote on the Last Best and Final offer until John Hoag would be available to speak on the matter and Clerk Thompson had time to research the potential consequences to Labor Board decisions. The Assembly will address the matter again at the June 4, 2018 meeting.

- E. Mayor's Appointment to the Harbors and Ports Advisory Board

By a vote of 4-3, Members Stanton Gregor, Strand, and Meucci opposed, Mayor Jensen's appointment of Joel Randrup was approved.

**7. Executive Session**

The Assembly voted to go into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss the ongoing IBEW negotiations. The Assembly came out of Executive Session at 7:59 p.m..

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.