



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, May 4, 2015

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member John Havrilek, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Nancy Strand, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes for the April 20, 2015 Assembly meeting were approved, as submitted.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved, as submitted.

5. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

None.

6. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

No comments.

7. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

No comments.

8. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

9. Consent Agenda

None.

10. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen informed he will be gone from June 14, 2015 until the end of the fishing season. He said he would be intermittently available by phone while he is away. Mayor Jensen also reported that Mara Lutomski was appointed as the new School Board member on April 27, 2015 and will serve until the next municipal election in October.

12. Manager's Report**A. Report 05-04-2015**

Attachments: [Manager report 05042015](#)

Manager Giesbrecht reviewed his written report.

The written report is attached and made part of these minutes.

13. Unfinished Business**A. Resolution #2015-11: A Resolution Supporting the Continuation of a Curbside Commingled Recycle Program in the Petersburg Borough**

Attachments: [Resolution #2015-11.pdf](#)
 [Blue Bag Petition Withdrawal.pdf](#)

Mayor Jensen read a letter from Angela Davis withdrawing her earlier petition regarding the continuation of the blue bag recycling program. Member Lynn thanked the petition signers for making the decision to withdraw the petition. He stated he hoped the Borough would keep the petition process simple so that citizens will be able to use it in the future. Member Lagoudakis thanked Public Works Director Hagerman for his efforts in making sure that lots of information regarding the recycling program was readily available in many formats and for being willing to answer questions from the public.

Resolution #2015-11 supporting the continuation of curbside recycling was unanimously approved.

B. Authorization to Purchase Motorola Portable Radios for Public Safety Departments in an Amount not to Exceed \$58,960.

Attachments: [Radio Project Historical Information and Recommendations.pdf](#)

Police Chief Swihart explained the need for updating emergency services radios in order to be compliant with federal mandates and to correct gaps in the system. Member Lynn asked if the plan was to sell the current radios. Chief Swihart said they were still discussing what to do with them, but they may need to continue to use them internally for a time.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly authorized the purchase.

14. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2015-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.33 of the Petersburg Borough Code to Establish a Transient Room Tax Fund and Rescind Resolution #2004, Which Had Established Guidelines for Appropriation of Funds Generated by the Transient Room Tax**

Attachments: [Director Tow's Memo Regarding Transient Room Tax.pdf](#)
[Ordinance #2015-07.pdf](#)

Ordinance #2015-07 Amending Section 4.33 passed unanimously in its first reading.

- B. Resolution #2015-10: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Setting the Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016**

Attachments: [2015 Real Property Tax Roll Certification.pdf](#)
[Resolution #2015-10.pdf](#)

Resolution #2015-10 passed by a vote of 6-1, Member Havrilek opposing.

- C. Electric Department Headquarters Building Remodel Options Presentation**

Attachments: [Electric Department Building Remodel Options.pdf](#)

Superintendent Nelson explained the current problems with the Electric Department building and the issues with the lack of visibility for drivers on the corner where the building is located. Linda Millard gave a presentation on the three options for the planned remodel and discussed the advantages gained with the renovations. Superintendent Nelson expressed his preference for Option #3 because of the improvement in the corner visibility and customer access. There was discussion between Ms. Millard and the Assembly regarding the possibility of adding wheelchair access in the future. Superintendent Nelson asked the Assembly to approve one of the options so that the project could move forward. Member Havrilek asked that the Borough look into a local hire preference when the time comes to put the project out for bid.

Option #3 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. Communications

Member Lynn stated that he had recently met with the Hospital Board and staff regarding their strategic plan and looking at their priorities in changes to their building, among other things. He shared that there was a high level of dedication of the staff and board to make the changes that continue to come with healthcare issues. Member Lynn also said he strongly believes that it's time for the Borough, the school, and the hospital to consider sharing resources.

Member Gregor reminded the public that there are still three seats available on the Historic Preservation Committee.

16. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Member Havrilek congratulated Ian Fleming for his national science competition first place win and thanked his parents and teachers for their efforts in supporting him.

Mayor Jensen mentioned that Harbormaster Wollen would be adding a "Home of the Vikings" sign on the new drive down dock.

17. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.