



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Monday, May 7, 2018

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Nancy Strand

**Excused:** 3 - Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

### 2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

### 5. Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing for 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

No testimony was given.

### 6. Bid Awards

None.

### 7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Becky Knight, Eric Lee, and David Beebe, each representing themselves, spoke regarding their desire to see Petersburg Borough act in a decisive matter regarding the loss in funds associated with the USFS timber sales issue.

Jessica King, an employee at Mountain View Manor, expressed her appreciation of the Borough's support when it included raises for Resident Assistants in the proposed collective bargaining agreement with PMEA.

She read a letter from a co-worker, which was signed by several employees at the Manor, that stated they were frustrated by the Union's comments that they had all voted to turn down the proposed contract. The employees who signed the letter did so stating they each voted to accept the Borough's offer.

Elizabeth Bacom and Jennifer Bryner, both employees of the Petersburg Medical Center, each spoke in opposition of Assembly Member Meucci's plan to invite SEARHC to speak with the Assembly regarding Hospital management. Mayor Jensen asked for a show of hands of employees of PMC who were in attendance. Approximately "a dozen" did so. Mayor Jensen stated he assumed they were all there to show their disagreement with the plan.

## **8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda**

No views were shared.

## **9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports**

None.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

None.

## **11. Report of Other Officers**

### **A. Petersburg Public Library Presentation**

Borough Librarian Tara Alcock gave an informative presentation of the library, including their mission, statistics, programs, and future goals.

### **B. Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Presentation**

Fire Department/EMS Director Sandy Dixon gave a presentation regarding their mission, history, various programs, funding, an explanation of each branch and its duties and staffing, and other details related to the Fire Department.

### **C. 2018 Real Property Tax Roll Certification**

**Attachments:**     [2018 Real Property Tax Roll.PDF](#)

The 2018 Tax Roll Certification was presented to the Assembly. Finance Director Tow explained that it showed a 2% increase in Borough property value over the prior year.

### **D. Summary of April 17, 2018 SEAPA Meeting**

**Attachments:**     [B. Lynn SEAPA Meeting Summary.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read into the record the written report by SEAPA Board Member Bob Lynn.

## **12. Mayor's Report**

### **A. May 7, 2018 Mayor's Report**

**Attachments:**     [May 7, 2018 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

### **13. Manager's Report**

#### **A. May 7, 2018 Manager's Report**

**Attachments:**     [Manager Report 05072018](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record. A copy of the written report is attached to these minutes.

### **14. Unfinished Business**

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

#### **A. Ordinance #2018-11: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2018 Budget for Known Changes**

**Attachments:**     [Ordinance #2018-11.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-11 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading

#### **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](#)

Ordinance #2018-12 passed its second reading by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **C. 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](#)

Due to Member Marohl's need to recuse herself from voting on matters concerning the Borough/PMEA negotiations, the Assembly did not have a quorum and postponed this matter to the June 4, 2018 meeting.

### **15. New Business**

#### **A. Ordinance #2018-13: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall be Retained for a Public Purpose**

**Attachments:**     [Ordinance #2018-13 with Map of Property .PDF](#)

After clarification of the details of this ordinance by Finance Director Tow, the Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2018-13 in its first reading.

- B. 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](#)

Assembly Member Marohl made a motion to amend this ordinance by removing the \$2,000 bonus placeholder for each department head. The amendment failed due to lack of a second.

After discussion, Ordinance #2018-14 failed with a vote of 3-1, Member Marohl opposed.

- C. Ratification of the Tentatively Agreed to July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Petersburg Borough and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547

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

Because the IBEW union membership voted down the proposed collective bargaining agreement, no action was taken on this matter.

- D. Draft Letter to E. Stewart, Tongass Forest Supervisor

Attachments:     [Letter to Tongass Supervisor Stewart May 2018.PDF](#)

After discussion by the Assembly, approval of the draft letter failed by a vote of 2-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Strand opposed.

- E. Yeil Ka'Chaak Playground

The Assembly voted unanimously to accept Manager Giesbrecht's suggestion to run a public service announcement and receive input from the community regarding the playground.

- F. Appointment to Vacant Harbors and Ports Advisory Board Seat

Attachments:     [J. Stromdahl Letter of Interest.PDF](#)  
                              [J. Randrup Letter of Interest.PDF](#)  
                              [E. Grundberg Letter of Interest.PDF](#)  
                              [J. Slaven Letter of Interest.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen made a motion to appoint Joel Randrup to the Harbors and Ports Advisory Board. The appointment failed by a vote of 2-2, Vice-Mayor Stanton Gregor and Member Strand opposed.

- G. Petersburg Police Department Considering Participation in an Engel Entertainment Reality Show

Attachments:     [Captain Hamilton's Research on Engel Entertainment.PDF](#)

Kara Smith, Vice President of Development for Engel Entertainment, appeared telephonically to answer questions regarding the reality show idea. After explaining that Engel Entertainment was only at this time asking for permission to come to Petersburg for a couple of days to gather footage for the development

period of the show and that the Assembly would have the ability to approve or disapprove what is ultimately shown on the show, they agreed unanimously to allow the crew to film in Petersburg during this preliminary stage.

**H. Proposed Special Meeting on May 14, 2018**

The Assembly voted unanimously to schedule a special meeting to discuss future planning ideas and to bring the proposed FY 2019 budget forward for a new first reading. The special meeting was set for May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**I. Borough Manager Evaluation Process Change**

This action item failed due to a lack of a motion.

**16. Communications**

None.

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Recognitions**

Vice-Mayor Stanton Gregor expressed his gratitude for Senator Sullivan's efforts in assisting with retaining a U.S. Coast Guard presence in Petersburg. He encouraged citizens to write to Senator Sullivan and thank him.

**B. Invitation to SEARHC Senior Executive Vice President, Dan Neumeister**

All Members present agreed during discussion that the Hospital Board and/or community, not the Assembly, were responsible for deciding whether or not SEARHC would be involved with the Petersburg Medical Center.

**18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.