



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Monday, February 4, 2019

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 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter, Assembly Member Bob Lynn and Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

### 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 amended to remove Assembly Discussion Items 17 A-D by a vote of 5-2, Members Meucci and Stanton Gregor opposed. The agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

### 5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

### 6. Bid Awards

No bid awards.

### 7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Marc Martinsen, representing himself, spoke against the proposed land trade with Petro 49 and in favor of filling the vacant Police Sergeant position.

### 8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

### 9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

None.

**10. Consent Agenda**

No items.

**11. Report of Other Officers****A. Petersburg Medical Center Update**

CEO Hofstetter shared that Petersburg Medical Center is the recipient of a Denali Commission Award for over \$200,000 to be used toward master planning for the aging hospital facility and that two Community Cafe sessions with PMC will be held tomorrow, February 5th at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. regarding technology and telehealth.

**B. SEAPA CEO Trey Acteson**

SEAPA CEO Trey Acteson was unable to attend the meeting due to weather and flight issues. Mayor Jensen read CEO Acteson's report which updated the Assembly on current lake levels in Tyee and Swan Lakes and other recent SEAPA activities.

**C. PEDC**

Community & Economic Development Director Cabrera provided a hand out of current economic development projects and strategies used by the PEDC and answered Assembly Member questions.

**D. Chamber of Commerce**

Dave Kensinger, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, shared a hand out to the Assembly about the Chamber and their mission. He also reminded of the Chamber Banquet coming up on February 16th with PMC CEO Hofstetter as guest speaker.

**12. Mayor's Report**

February 4, 2019 - Mayor's Report

**Attachments:**     [Mayor's Report - February 4, 2019](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record - one correction was made to his written report: The upcoming work session regarding Solid Waste/Recycling will be held Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

**13. Manager's Report**

February 4, 2019 - Manager's Report

**Attachments:**     [Manager's Report - February 4, 2019](#)

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**

Petro Negotiations

**Attachments:**     [Petro Marine - Negotiations Letter](#)  
                              [Petro 49 - Response Letter](#)

The Assembly directed Manager Giesbrecht to continue negotiations for the proposed land exchange with Petro 49 by a vote of 4 - 3, Mayor Jensen and Members Lynn and Marohl opposed.

#### **15. New Business**

##### **A. Replacement of Police Sergeant Position**

**Attachments:**     [Police Sergeant.PDF](#)

The Assembly decided not to fill the vacant Police Sergeant position until more is known about the State's FY 2020 budget by a vote of 5 - 2, Members Meucci and Stanton Gregor in favor of filling the position.

##### **B. Consultant for Mountain View Manor Assisted Living**

**Attachments:**     [Assisted Living.PDF](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly directed Manager Giesbrecht to speak with consultants who have expertise in the Assisted Living area and obtain proposals for them to perform an analysis of Mountain View Manor operations.

#### **16. Communications**

A letter from Senator Murkowski regarding Secure Rural Schools was attached to the Mayor's Report under agenda item 12A.

#### **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

##### **A. Addition of a Firefighter/EMT3 Full Time Employee**

**Attachments:**     [Firefighter EMT3.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda during Item 4, Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda.

**B. Reductions in Community Services or TRT Budgets**

**Attachments:**     [Community Services or TRT Budgets.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda during Item 4, Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda.

**C. Department Head Merit Increases**

**Attachments:**     [Department Head Increase.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda during Item 4, Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda.

**D. Elimination of Snow Removal Outside Service Area 1**

**Attachments:**     [Snow Removal.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda during Item 4, Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda.

**E. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor recognized Irene Littleton and the Stedman Elementary students for their aggressive campaign against dog poop in the community.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked our local Search and Rescue group and the USCG for helping in the search for the missing medivac plane. He also thanked the Sanitation crew for his informative ride along with the recycle truck on its route.

**18. Executive Session**

Executive Session

The Assembly took a break at 1:17 and then adjourned to Executive Session at 1:26 p.m. to discuss negotiations strategy for the proposed land exchange with Petro 49. The Executive Session ended at 2:06 p.m.

**18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.