



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, April 5, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

Excused: 1 - 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 unanimously approved as presented.

5. Board of Equalization

A. Buschmann, Ronn - Parcel #01-011-550; Appeal #2021-08

Attachments: [Buschmann, Ronn - PID #01-011-550; Appeal #2021-08](#)

The appeal was settled prior to the Assembly meeting.

6. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

7. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

8. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Eric Lee and Becky Knight spoke in opposition of the Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption.

9. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

10. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

11. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

12. Report of Other Officers**A. Petersburg Medical Center Report**

PMC CEO Hofstetter gave an update on activities at the Medical Center.

13. Mayor's Report**A. April 5, 2021 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [April 5, 2021 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

B. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Attachments: [SAAM Proclamation 2021](#)

Mayor Jensen read his Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.

14. Manager's Report**A. April 5, 2021 Manager's Report**

Attachments: [April 5, 2021 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.

15. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2021-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.76, Administrative Officers and Appeals Process, of the Borough Code to Update the List of Administrative Officers to

Include the Registered Nurse Contracted for Mountain View Manor Assisted Living and to Update the Title of the Mountain View Manor Director Position

Attachments: [Ordinance #2021-04](#)

Ordinance #2021-04 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

16. New Business

- A.** Ordinance #2021-05: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2021 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2021-05](#)

Ordinance #2021-05 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- B.** Ordinance #2021-06: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall not be Retained for a Public Purpose and Shall Hereafter be Sold

Attachments: [Ordinance #2021-06](#)
 [Property Location Map](#)
 [Property Location Photo](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2021-06 in its first reading.

- C.** Ordinance #2021-07: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall not be Retained for a Public Purpose and Shall Hereafter be Sold

Attachments: [Ordinance #2021-07](#)
 [Property Location Map](#)
 [Property Location Photo](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2021-07 was approved in its first reading.

- D.** Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption

Attachments: [Governor Dunleavy Press Release re Defense of Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption](#)

A motion made by Assembly Member Lynn to support the Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption. The motion died for lack of a second.

- E.** FY 2021/2022 Assembly Travel & Training Budget

Attachments: [Draft FY22 Assembly Travel & Training Budget](#)

FY 2021/2022 Assembly Travel & Training Budget was amended to add \$2,000 for Manager Giesbrecht to travel to the Alaska Municipal League conference. The Assembly Travel & Training Budget for FY 2022 was unanimously approved as amended.

- F.** Approval of Borough's Negotiation Team Members for Upcoming IBEW Collective

Bargaining Agreement Negotiations

The Borough's negotiation team members for the upcoming IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations were unanimously approved.

17. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since March 19, 2021

Attachments: [B. Tremblay 3.20.2021](#)
 [L. Luczak 3.23.2021](#)
 [K. Dillman 3.31.2021](#)
 [State of Alaska Land Auction Offering #492](#)
 [ADNR Preliminary Decision Borough Municipal Entitlement \(Thomas Bay Subdivision\) 4.1.2021](#)

18. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Kensinger stated that Petersburg is one of the top three counties in the United States for one of the highest vaccination rates and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Assembly Member Meucci stated he is planning to add to the next meeting agenda anti-discrimination legislation.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay recognized Ellen Rojcewicz at the Legislative Information Office for her years of service and wishes good luck to her replacement, Matt Lichtenstein.

C. Conflict of Interest

Member Meucci wanted to make sure Assembly Members know how the conflict of interest policy works. Clerk Thompson sent the policy to all Assembly Members.

D. Upcoming Landless Legislation

Assembly Member Meucci has concerns with the Landless Natives legislation, has also heard concerns from the community, and is hoping the community has had a chance to look at the pending legislation.

E. Frederick Point East Election

Assembly Member Meucci spoke on the Frederick Point East election and the changing tax structure for the people. Clerk Thompson stated there will be an ordinance (to bring forward the question of removing the Frederick Point East Subdivision from Service Area One to the voters during the 2021 Municipal Election) introduced at the April 19th Assembly meeting for its 1st reading.

19. Executive Session

A motion to postpone the Executive Session until the April 19th Assembly meeting was unanimously

approved.

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved _____