



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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Topic: January 16, 2024 Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **January 2, 2024 Assembly Meeting Minutes**
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
6. **Bid Awards**
7. **Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.
8. **Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.
9. **Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**
10. **Consent Agenda**

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Alaska Municipal League Annual Local Government Conference Report

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh will report on the AML Conference he attended in December.

B. Police Department 2023 Annual Report

Chief Kerr will share his department's 2023 annual report.

C. Borough Safety Committee Report

Committee Chairman Captain Holmgrain has provided a written report on Safety Committee activities.

12. Mayor's Report

There is no written report for this meeting.

13. Manager's Report

A. January 16, 2024 Manager's Report

14. Unfinished Business

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2024-01: A Resolution to Support Efforts to Improve Competitiveness and Resilience of the Alaska Seafood Industry

The Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA) and the Untied Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) are working to provide information and suggested actions to the federal government to help improve global competitiveness and resilience of the Alaska commercial seafood industry. If Resolution #2024-01 is adopted, a signed copy will be sent to Governor Dunleavy, Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Representative Peltola.

B. Resolution #2024-02: A Resolution Approving a Sole Source Award for Purchase and Installation of a Radio Communications System for the Petersburg School District that is Compatible with the Police Department's Public Safety Communications Network

If approved, Resolution #2024-02 will approve a sole source award of Homeland Security grant funds in the amount of \$50,199 for purchase and installation of a radio communications system that will sync with the Police Department's Public Safety Communications Network.

C. Fisheries Disaster Declaration Request

If approved, the attached letter of request for a Fisheries Disaster Declaration for four Southeast Alaska fisheries (Northern Southeast Herring Spawn on Kelp, Southeast Herring Gillnet, Southeast Red King Crab and Southeast Brown King Crab) will be sent to Governor Dunleavy for his consideration.

D. PMPL Service Truck #20 Replacement Award

Public Works Director Cotta and Utility Director Hagerman recommend approval to purchase a new Altec AT41M aerial service truck to replace Power & Light's Unit 20. Global Rental Co., Inc. has quoted \$187,509 for the vehicle with shipping to Petersburg. \$230,000 was budgeted in the 2024 Motor Pool Power & Light replacement fund approved by the Assembly.

E. United Fisherman of Alaska Membership

Mayor Jensen requested information regarding membership to the United Fisherman of Alaska (UFA). The cost for the Borough to become a Community Supporting Member is \$350 annually. UFA's current Community Supporting Members are: Aleutians East Borough, City of Cordova, City of Hoonah, City of Seward, and the Kodiak Island Borough. Information regarding UFA is attached to this agenda item.

F. Approval for Mayor Jensen and/or Assembly Member Lynn to Travel with Petersburg Medical Center's CEO Hofstetter and CFO McCormick to Juneau to Visit with our Alaska Legislators Regarding the New Hospital Project

Assembly Member Lynn requests Assembly approval for Mayor Jensen and/or Member Lynn to accompany PMC CEO Hofstetter and CFO McCormick to Juneau to discuss with Senator Stedman and other legislators the financial benefits regarding reimbursements and depreciation of a new critical care hospital and how it differs from current financial operations of a critical care hospital. Meetings in Juneau will take place on February 6, 2024, and travel costs will be paid by PMC.

G. Approval for Manager Giesbrecht to Attend the Alaska Municipal League Winter Legislative Conference and Meet with State Agencies

Assembly Member Lynn requests approval for Manager Giesbrecht to accompany Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Fine-Walsh and Lynn to the AML Conference in February. The Manager is responsible for the Borough budget, and although the forecast is for a slim year for the State budget, it is imperative for the Manager to have the best information when formulating the Borough's FY 25 budget. More importantly, attending this conference provides an opportunity to meet with State agencies regarding projects, concerns and funding. Assembly Member Lynn proposes meetings be set up with the Alaska Department of Transportation to discuss the State Float Dock and Papke's Landing, and with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to discuss land entitlement conveyance issues and transfer of Papke's Landing to the Borough. Member Lynn feels that meeting in person is important, and the Borough should take advantage of this opportunity. There are available funds in the Travel & Training budget to cover this trip.

H. Approval for Manager Giesbrecht to File Grant Applications for the Dingell Johnson and Pittman Robertson Funds for Repairs to the Papke's Landing Facility

Assembly Member Lynn requested Manager Giesbrecht research whether filing grant applications for the Dingell Johnson Fund and the Pittman Robertson Fund for work to be done on the Papke's Landing facility would be beneficial. Both funds would potentially provide a 75% grant with a 25% Borough match. If the Borough were awarded funds, and they were applied to the estimated \$800,000 in immediate repairs for Papke's, the Borough's portion for the match would be approximately \$200,000. Both grants would require the Borough to hire an Engineer for the work and to complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The Assembly is asked to decide whether to pursue the grant funding and, if so, provide approval to engage the services of an engineering firm to represent the Borough for this project.

16. Communications

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Topics for the Work Session with Mental Health Trust and DNR

Manager Giesbrecht requests a discussion regarding the topics for the work session, tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2024, with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources regarding future subdivision development within the Borough.

B. Assembly Member Comments

C. Recognitions

18. Adjourn