



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, July 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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Topic: July 17, 2023 Borough Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. **July 3, 2023 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. Housing Needs Assessment Update

Assembly Member and Housing Task Force Chair Kensinger will update the Assembly on the housing needs assessment project.

### B. Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department

Assembly Member Meucci will recognize PVFD staff and volunteers for their dedication to our community. Fire Chief Stolpe and Fire/EMS/SAR Director Hankins will also discuss how the public can help the Department stay strong and viable.

## 12. Mayor's Report

### A. July 17, 2023 Mayor's Report

## 13. Manager's Report

There is no Manager's Report for this meeting.

## 14. Unfinished Business

### A. Ordinance #2023-11: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Portions of the Airport Addition Subdivision and Thirteenth Street Relocation Subdivision to Public Use (PU) - Third and Final Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2023-11 will rezone portions of the Airport Addition and Thirteenth Street Relocation subdivisions from Single-family Residential, Commercial-1, Multi-family Residential, and Open Space - Recreation to Public Use in preparation for proposed future construction of a new medical center. The Planning Commission recommends the subject property not be rezoned due to lack of public education on the issue, lack of public input on the "pro's" and "con's" of the rezone, and loss of single-family and multi-family residential lots. The Assembly approved Ordinance #2023-11 in its first and second readings by a vote of 5-1 each time, with Assembly Member Marsh opposed.

## 15. New Business

### A. Resolution #2023-09: A Resolution to Use up to \$100,000 from the Property Development Fund to Provide Utility Connection Stubs to Residentially Zoned Borough Property Lines to Prepare the Lots for Future Sale

If adopted, Resolution #2023-09 will authorize the Borough to use up to \$100,000 from the Property Development Fund to install utility connection stubs to Borough-owned lots located at 1200 Lake Street, 200 Aaslaug Street, and to parcel #01.003.515 on Sandy Beach Road in preparation for future sale.

### B. Solid Waste Contract Proposal

The Borough's solid waste contract with Republic Services expires on August 31, 2023. Public Works Director Cotta received two quotes to provide the Borough with solid waste transport and disposal, with the most affordable quote coming from Republic Services as a 2-year renewal of the existing agreement at a cost of \$172.86 per ton for the first year. Please see Director Cotta's memo, attached, for more details on the proposed renewal.

Director Cotta recommends moving forward with the 2-year renewal, with an optional 3rd year at the Borough's discretion.

**C. Department Head Longevity Pay**

The Assembly recently approved a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Borough's largest union, the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association. The new CBA includes a longevity pay schedule for employees to encourage continued employment in order to keep valuable institutional knowledge gained over time which is advantageous to the Borough, and to keep employee wages competitive with the job market. The longevity pay schedule is accrued as a varying percentage increase for every 4 years of continuous uninterrupted employment to 20 years, then every 5 years to 30 years, where longevity pay is capped. The longevity pay schedule is as follows:

<u>Date of Accrual</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
4 year anniversary	3%
8 year anniversary	3%
12 year anniversary	3%
16 year anniversary	4%
20 year anniversary	4%
25 year anniversary	5%
30 year anniversary	5%

The Borough would like to apply the same longevity schedule to its 14 Department Heads at a cost of approximately \$139,000 and requests Assembly approval to do so.

**16. Communications**

**A. Correspondence Received Since June 29, 2023**

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Petersburg's Sea Plane Float**

Petersburg's State-owned Sea Plane Float is deteriorating and it appears the State is not planning to perform maintenance on the facility. Manager Giesbrecht has been speaking with ADOT officials, who would like to transfer ownership of the facility to the Borough.

**B. High School Scholarship Program for Trades**

Manager Giesbrecht has contemplated a scholarship program subsidised by the Borough for high school students wanting to attend a trade school and return to

Petersburg to work in the trade for which they were trained. Petersburg is short on plumbers, contractors, electricians, etc., and the scholarship program may help rectify the issue.

**C. Assembly Member Comments**

**D. Recognitions**

**18. Adjourn**