



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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Topic: January 21, 2025 Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **January 6, 2025 Assembly Meeting Minutes**
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
6. **Bid Awards**
 - A. **Pumps and Related Equipment for Pump Station 4 Project Bid Award**

Public Works Director Cotta recommends award of the Pumps and Related Equipment bid to DPX/Alaska Pump and Supply, of Anchorage, for an amount not to exceed \$158,208.

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. Resolution #2025-02 Edit Notification

After the adoption of Resolution #2025-02 on January 6, Clerk Thompson was informed that Proposal 242 was not an ADF&G proposal. Proposal 242 to the Board of Fisheries was drafted by the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. The only reference to Proposal 242 being an ADF&G proposal was in the title of the resolution. Clerk Thompson edited the title before the Resolution was signed to reflect that Proposal 242 was submitted by the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. A copy of the edits made to Resolution #2025-02 is attached in this meeting packet.

12. Mayor's Report

A. January 21, 2025 Mayor's Report

13. Manager's Report

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14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2024-24: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the Borough, in the Principal Amount not to Exceed \$3,500,000, to Pay the Costs of Public School Capital Improvements; Fixing Certain Details of Such Bonds; Authorizing the Sale of Such Bonds; Authorizing the Preparation, Execution, and Delivery of Certain Documents in Connection Therewith; Pledging the Full Faith and Credit of the Borough to the Payment Thereof; and Providing for Related Matters - Third and Final Reading

If approved, Ordinance #2024-24 will authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$3.5 million to fund capital improvements for the Petersburg School District. The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2024-24 in its first and second readings.

15. New Business

A. Republic Services Municipal Solid Waste and Transportation and Disposal Contract Extension

The Borough's two-year solid waste contract with Republic Services expires in September of 2025, but has an option to extend the agreement for one year if the Borough notifies Republic Services of the extension by February 1, 2025. Public Works Director and SEASWA Representative Cotta recommends the extension to provide time for SEASWA to conduct a solid waste study to determine how the

Southeast region can work together on waste disposal in the future. If the Republic Services contract is not extended and the waste disposal picture is still unclear with SEASWA in September of 2025, the Borough would either need to find another solid waste vendor or obtain our own fleet of containers to use for solid waste shipment via Republic. The monetary value of extending the contract for one year is expected to be between \$425,000 and \$475,000 at a rate of \$192.40/ton starting September 1, 2025.

B. Support for Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding

The Petersburg Borough has received approximately \$500,000 annually from the *Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act of 2023* which is used to maintain high quality education services in our local schools and to maintain our municipal roads. A bill to reauthorize and extend the SRS program through 2026 passed the Senate but died in the House in November of 2024. If SRS funding is not reauthorized by the 119th US Congress, the Borough will need to decide to reduce funding to the school district or raise our property tax rate to the maximum allowed by Borough Charter. If approved, the attached letter urging reauthorization of the *Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act of 2023* will be sent to Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Representative Begich.

C. Assembly / School Board Work Session

Borough Charter Section 8.04 provides that the Assembly and School Board shall meet at least once yearly in public session to discuss and coordinate financial planning, capital improvement needs, comprehensive plans for education, and other matters of concern. Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. has been suggested for the work session.

D. Appointment to the Planning Commission

Donald Sperl has submitted a letter of interest to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission until the October 2025 Municipal Election.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since January 2, 2025

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

B. Recognitions

18. Adjourn