



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, January 03, 2022

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

Assembly Member Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay  
Assembly Member David Kensinger  
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor  
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci  
Mayor Mark Jensen  
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. December 20, 2021 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The December 20, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.  
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.  
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## **5. Public Hearings**

### **A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-22: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2022 Budget for Known Changes**

Any public testimony regarding Ordinance #2021-22 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Ordinance #2021-22 may be found under agenda item 14A.

No testimony was given.

## **6. Bid Awards**

There were no 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.*

John Murgas shared his concerns regarding plans on the Scow Bay project without input from the Harbor Advisory Board.

Glo Wollen spoke regarding the childcare issue in Petersburg, stating creative solutions are needed.

## **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.*

Sarah Fine-Walsh shared her views regarding snow removal.

## **9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## **11. Report of Other Officers**

### **A. Petersburg Medical Center Update**

PMC CEO Hofstetter will provide an update on the Medical Center.

PMC CEO Hofstetter gave an update on Medical Center activities.

## **12. Mayor's Report**

### **A. January 3, 2022 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

## **13. Manager's Report**

### **A. January 3, 2022 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.

#### **14. Unfinished Business**

##### **A. Ordinance #2021-22: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2022 Budget for Known Changes**

If adopted, Ordinance #2021-22 will: 1) increase the South Harbor Dredging Harbor Department fund from \$728,400 to \$1,000,000; 2) accept an additional \$553,081 in Fisheries Business Tax Revenue and transfer \$353,081 of those funds to the Harbor Fish Tax revenue fund; 3) accept \$1,222,750 from the State of Alaska for the COVID Testing Contract Extension; 4) accept two ARPA grants awarded to the Library (\$6,000 and \$39,661); and 5) transfer \$73,233 into the Parks and Recreation Utility fund to cover unbudgeted electrical utility costs due to delayed repairs to the facility. Ordinance #2021-22 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

Ordinance #2021-22 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

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

##### **A. Resolution #2022-01: A Resolution Requesting the US Postal Service to Provide Additional Services in Petersburg, Alaska**

Assembly Member Meucci requests a formal discussion with the US Postal Service to explore additional service possibilities in our community.

Resolution #2022-01 was amended to the wording "and adequate staffing" to the Therefore Be It Resolved clause in between "located downtown" and "to better meet the needs" in the last sentence. The resolution was approved, as amended, by a vote of 5-2.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Mayor Jensen

##### **B. Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project Professional Services Tasks 4-9**

Utility Director Hagerman requests award of the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project Professional Services Tasks 4-9 to McMillen Jacobs Associates in the amount of \$1,035,922.

Suggested motion: to amend the McMillen Jacobs Associates professional services contract to include equipment design/manufacturing support, engineering for construction contract , construction contract bidding, engineering support during construction, regulatory and permitting support and project management for the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project for the cost of \$ 1,035,922. The total value of the professional services contract will now be \$ 1,583,557.

Award of the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project Professional Services Tasks 4-9 to McMillen Jacobs Associates in the amount of \$1,035,922 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

### **C. Scow Bay Concept Design Proposal**

Harbormaster Wollen requests approval of PND Engineers, Inc.'s proposal to provide concept design services, not to exceed \$15,000, for the Scow Bay Harbor and Uplands Development Project.

The Assembly unanimously approved PND Engineers, Inc.'s proposal to provide concept design services, not to exceed \$15,000, for the Scow Bay Harbor and Uplands Development Project.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

### **D. Request for a USACE General Investigations Study for Scow Bay**

Harbormaster Wollen is seeking Assembly approval to request the US Army Corps of Engineers conduct a general investigations study to consider developing a basin and breakwater along Borough owned property in Scow Bay.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved the letter of request to the US Army Corps of Engineers requesting they conduct a general investigations study to consider developing a basin and breakwater along Borough owned property in Scow Bay.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen,

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**E. Rocky's Marine Lease Amendment #7**

Rocky's Marine leases 15,180 square feet of tidelands from the Borough near the US Forest Service's boat mooring dock, which is also on leased Borough tidelands. The original Rocky's Marine lease document from 1995 (originally leased to David McFadden) grants a 3,000 square foot easement within the 15,180 square foot leased area to allow enough room for the USFS boats to maneuver in and out of the boat stalls. This easement was not being accounted for in the assessed value of the Rocky's Marine tidelands lease. The Borough Assessors have adjusted their statement of valuations on the Rocky's Marine tidelands lease to take the easement into consideration lowering the assessed value from \$81,100 to \$68,000. This adjustment will decrease Rocky's Marine's annual rent payment from \$4,866 to \$4,080.

Amendment of the Rocky's Marine Lease to account for an easement on the leased property was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**F. Viking Swim Club Petersburg Community Center Pool Facilities Use Agreement**

Director Payne requests approval of the new Pool Facilities Use Agreement with Viking Swim Club.

The Pool Facilities Use Agreement with Viking Swim Club was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**16. Communications**

**A. Correspondence Received Since December 16, 2021**

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Future of Childcare in Petersburg**

Assembly Member Meucci requested this discussion item.

The Assembly discussed the availability, or lack thereof, of childcare in the community. Members Tremblay and Meucci shared notice of a SHARE Coalition meeting regarding a recent childcare needs assessment they conducted to be held on January 15, 2022 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

#### **B. All Purpose Vehicle Usage on Roadways**

Effective January 1, 2022, all purpose vehicles will be allowed on roadways where the speed limit is less than 45 miles per hour per State Statute, unless a municipality bans their use within its boundaries by ordinance. Assembly Member Meucci requested this discussion item.

The Assembly discussed the legal use (by State Statute as of January 1, 2022) of All Purpose Vehicles on Petersburg streets.

#### **C. Expiration of Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 (Requirement of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings)**

The provisions of Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 will expire at midnight today, January 3, 2022. Assembly Member Meucci requested this discussion item.

Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 (Requirement of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings) will expire tonight at midnight.

#### **D. January 24, 2022 ARPA Funding Work Session**

Assembly Member Meucci requested this discussion item. Clerk Thompson requests the Assembly choose a time for the work session to be held on Monday, January 24, 2022.

The Assembly discussed the need for an agenda for this work session and chose 4:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022 to hold the work session.

#### **E. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Meucci shared that he spent some time last weekend assisting Fire Chief Stolpe in uncovering fire hydrants around town.

Assembly Member Tremblay shared that the cold and heavy snow causes a hardship for the housing insecure in our community. She encouraged community members to make donations to the January 26, 2022 Project Connect Fair hosted by Humanity in Progress.

#### **F. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked the Borough employees involved in snow removal for their professionalism and dedication.

Assembly Member Kensinger agreed with Member Stanton Gregor and added a thank you to the DOT employees as well stating everyone dealing with snow removal in Petersburg has gone above and beyond.

## 18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.  
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member  
Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen,  
Assembly Member Fine-Walsh