



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, July 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

ABSENT

Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

2. The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. October 5, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

B. October 9, 2020 Certification of 2020 Municipal Election Minutes

C. October 20, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

D. July 6, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

All minutes were approved as submitted.

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

5. Public Hearings

There was no public hearing.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Tor Benson commented on the new Planning and Zoning document.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No testimony was given.

9. Executive Session

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the status of the collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547.

Motion to adjourn made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

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

The Assembly Meeting was re-convened at 6:25 pm.

10. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

11. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

12. Report of Other Officers

No reports were given.

13. Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor read the Mayor's report into the record.

A. Mayor's Report July 19, 2021

14. 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.

A. Manager's Report July 19, 2021

15. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

16. New Business

A. Ordinance #2021-12: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$7.8 Million to Finance the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Refurbishment Project and the Scow Bay Standby Generation Project and Directing That This Matter be Submitted to the Voters for Consideration at the Next Regular Election to be Held on October 5, 2021 - First Reading

Ordinance #2021-12 was adopted in its first reading by a vote of 5-0.

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

B. Award Recommendation-Scow Bay Generation Design Study

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly awarded the contract to Electric Power Systems, Inc. for completion of the Scow Bay Generation Design Study for a cost not to exceed \$32,163.00.

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

C. IBEW Contract Renewal

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly accepted the IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

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

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

17. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since July 1, 2021

B. Petersburg Borough Audit Planning Document

The Borough's auditors have provided an audit plan for year ending June 30, 2021. The document can be found on the Borough's website.

18. Assembly Discussion Items

A. American Cruise Lines

Assembly Member Meucci discussed American Cruise Lines COVID 19 cases and the response from the community, hospital, and public health. Manager Giesbrecht said that since the EOC stood down the communications will not be as rapid. Fire/EMS Director Dixson updated the Assembly on the response to COVID cases. Assembly Member Tremblay thanked Director Dixson for her work in navigating through the situation.

B. P&Z Code Revision

Assembly Member Meucci would like an update on where we are on the Planning and Zoning documents.

Manager Giesbrecht said that Community and Economic Development Director Cabrera can attend the next Assembly meeting and update the Assembly.

C. Affordable Lots and Affordable Housing

Assembly Member Meucci said Petersburg needs more affordable housing and that more land should be made available for purchase.

D. Assembly Member Comments

There were no Assembly Member comments.

E. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Petersburg Pilot for publishing the hospital budget. She welcomed the Petersburg Pilot's new reporter, Chris Baysinger, to Petersburg and thanked the Pilot for all they do for our community.

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked Katie Holmlund for her work with the Kinder Skog program providing quality childcare and an experiential educational experience.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked Liz Cabrera and Borough staff for their work with the Visitor Industry working group. The new trailer restrooms are a result of the group's efforts.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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