



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, October 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen 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  
Mayor Mark Jensen  
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

### 2. Oath of Office

#### A. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh took the Oath of Office.

### 3. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### A. October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

#### B. October 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

All minutes were approved as submitted.

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

## **5. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add to Assembly Discussion Item 18 - House Poverty and Economic Task Force.

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

## **6. Public Hearings**

### **A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-15**

Dana Thynes, Michelle Pfundt, Michael Truex and Russ Thynes shared concerns regarding Ordinance # 2021-15, which updates Code Chapter 9.04 entitled "Disease Control".

### **B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-17**

No testimony was given.

## **7. Bid Awards**

There were no bid awards.

## **8. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

Michelle Pfundt shared her concerns regarding Ordinance #2021-15, which updates Code Chapter 9.04 entitled "Disease Control".

Frederick Olson Jr, Executive Director of the SE Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission, spoke about the importance of Resolution 2021-11.

Brian Lynch discussed the effects of mining in Canada.

Breanna Walker discussed the effects of mining in Canada.

Sally Dwyer spoke about the new deck project at Mountain View Manor and in support of Resolution #2021-12.

Jill Weitz, Director of Salmon Beyond Borders, spoke in support of Resolution #2021-11.

## **9. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

No views were shared.

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

No reports were given.

## **11. Consent Agenda**

### **A. THE 420 Marijuana Establishment License Renewal Application**

THE 420 has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a retail marijuana establishment license renewal. The Assembly unanimously supported the application.

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

### **B. SEA\*WEED FARMS Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal Application**

SEA\*WEED FARMS has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a marijuana cultivation facility license renewal. The Assembly unanimously supported the application.

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

## **12. Report of Other Officers**

### **A. SEAPA Update**

Assembly Member Lynn provided an update on SEAPA activities.

### **B. Sea Otter Working Group Update**

Assembly Member Meucci provided a report to the Assembly on the Sea Otter Working Group.

## **13. Mayor's Report**

### **A. October 19, 2021 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen read the Mayor's report into the record. Mayor Jensen noted that he will not be at the November 1st Assembly meeting and that Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor will be presiding. The Mayor asked the Clerk to advertise for the open seat on the SEAPA board.

## 14. Manager's Report

### A. October 19, 2021 Manager's Report

Borough Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

## 15. Unfinished Business

### A. Ordinance #2021-15: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 9.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Disease Control", to Update Language and Reflect Borough Incorporation

In the second reading of Ordinance #2021-15, the Assembly unanimously approved the following amendments.

**Amendment 1:** Add the word "any" in section 9.04.020 so it now reads, "Screening of any person coming into the borough..." Add the word "any" to subsection A to read, "any persons entering the borough."

**Amendment 2:** Section 9.04.030: Replace the words "make such" with the word "provide" to now read, "The health officer shall provide reports to the borough assembly."

**Amendment 3:** Section 9.04.040. Add the sentence, "The health officer shall ensure that due process is provided to any person who is the subject of a health directive which orders the involuntary quarantine of that person, including reasonable notice of the directive, delivery of the evidence supporting the directive, and an opportunity to be heard in objection to the directive."

A motion was made by Assembly Member Meucci to approve Ordinance #2021-15 as amended. 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

### B. Ordinance #2021-17: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.12 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sanitation"

Ordinance #2021-17 was adopted in its second reading by a vote of 7-0.

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

## 16. New Business

### A. Resolution #2021-11: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Assembly in Support of a Permanent Ban on Tailings Dams and for a Temporary Pause in the Permitting, Exploration, Development, and Expansion of Canadian Mines Along

**Alaska-British Columbia Transboundary Salmon Rivers Until the United States-Canada Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are Upheld and an International Agreement on Watershed Protections is Implemented**

Resolution #2021-11 was adopted by a vote of 5-2.

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

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. Resolution #2021-12: A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of up to \$25,000 from the American Rescue Plan Special Revenue Fund for Petersburg Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Capital Outlay in Response to the Continuing COVID-19 Health Emergency**

A motion to amend Resolution #2021-12 was amended to change the dollar amount from \$25,000 to \$20,000. The Assembly unanimously approved the Resolution as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger to approve Resolution #2021-12 as amended, Seconded by Assembly Member 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

**C. Resolution #2021-13: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Applying & Accepting COVID Grant Funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, for COVID Testing and Vaccine Administration Costs Incurred by the Petersburg Medical Center with the Petersburg Borough Acting as a Pass Through**

Resolution #2021-13 was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

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

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. 2021/22 Assembly Appointments**

Mayor Jensen appointed the following Assembly Members as representatives or liaisons to the following Boards and Committees for 2021/2022 with unanimous Assembly consent.

Southeast Conference Representatives - Mayor Mark Jensen (voting member) and Assembly Member David Kensinger.

Alaska Municipal League Representative - Mayor Mark Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn

Liaison to Harbors and Ports Advisory Board - Assembly Member Meucci

Liaison to Hospital Board - Assembly Member Lynn

Liaison to Public Safety Advisory Board - Assembly Member Meucci

Elected Official to Local Emergency Planning Committee - Assembly Member Meucci

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor was appointed as Vice Mayor.

#### **E. Work Session with the City of Kupreanof Council**

A motion to set up a work session with the City of Kupreanof Council failed by a vote of 3-4.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

#### **F. Work Session with the School Board**

A motion to hold a work session with the School Board passed by a vote of 5-2.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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

#### **G. Work Session with the Hospital Board**

A motion was made to hold a work session with the Hospital Board. Motion failed 0-7.

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

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

## **17. Communications**

### **A. Communications Received Since September 30, 2021**

J Thompson 10.03.2021

D Marsh 10.03.2021

C Lagoudakis 10.04.2021

M Truex 10.04.2021

J Lichtenberger 10.04.2021

DNR Notice of 2021 Remote Recreational Cabin Sites 10.08.2021

## **18. Assembly Discussion Items**

### **A. Redistricting Maps**

The Assembly discussed the proposed redistricting maps and how they would affect Petersburg.

### **B. House Poverty Task Force**

Assembly Member Trembly has joined the House Poverty Task Force. There are 21 members from across the State. The goal of the task force is to examine how current State statutes and regulations affect poverty in the State of Alaska.

### **C. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked the citizens of Petersburg for the strong voter turn out on October 5th and thanked those who put their names on the ballot.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked Director Cotta and employees of the baler facility for giving him the opportunity to ride along in the garbage truck and to see what goes on in the Sanitation Department.

### **D. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Kensinger thanked Sally Dwyer and everyone who has participated in the Mountain View Manor Deck Project.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked everyone who has worked on preparing for Oktoberfest which will be held on Saturday, October 23rd and begins at 10:00 am in the Community Gym.

## **19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.