



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Vice Mayor Jleigh 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. January 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

The January 3, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, 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 unanimously 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, Mayor Jensen,

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

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.

No views were shared.

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.

Mark Testoni introduced himself to the Assembly and Manager Giesbrecht stating he is a retired police officer, has been a Petersburg resident for 18 months and was recently appointed to the Public Safety Advisory Board.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports were given.

12. Mayor's Report

A. January 18, 2022 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht provided an oral report.

14. Unfinished Business

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

Ordinance #2021-22 was amended to add a funds transfer of \$170,150 from the General Fund to the Public Works FY 2022 budget to cover unexpected expenses due

to the unusually heavy snowfall this winter. The ordinance, as amended, was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

15. New Business

There were no New Business agenda items.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received After December 30, 2021

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. ARPA Funding Work Session Draft Agenda

The Assembly discussed the draft agenda for the upcoming work session.

B. Borough Employee Hiring Process

Borough Clerk/Human Resources Director Thompson outlined the employee hiring process for most Borough positions and Police Chief Kerr shared details of the employee hiring process for positions in the Police Department.

C. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Tremblay shared her thoughts regarding the newly legal use of all purpose vehicles on Petersburg roads stating she is leaning toward considering this a trial period to see how it works for Petersburg and possibly putting the subject on the October 2022 Municipal Election ballot for voters to decide if APVs should be legal on Petersburg roads going forward.

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh stated it may be worth extending the trial period for APV use on Petersburg roads into next winter to allow for friends and neighbors to travel via APV from location to location to plow snow without getting a citation.

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor clarified that the Petersburg Police Department does not currently ticket individuals who travel on the road in an APV specifically for the purpose of plowing snow at their destination.

Assembly Member Lynn shared that SEARHC recently announced it is taking their Crossings Program out of Wrangell and moving the behavioral program to their facilities in Sitka. This affects 20 employees of the program as well as the economy of Wrangell as a whole.

Assembly Member Meucci stated the SHARE Coalition meeting on childcare he attended last weekend was very interesting. He thanked the Coalition for their work on the issue.

D. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay recognized Martin Luther King Jr. Day and recommended a book to read titled Rising Out of Hatred. She also recognized Ron and Anne Loesch for their 45 years of hard work operating the Petersburg Pilot and new owner Orin Pierson and his staff for their continued expertise in publishing the weekly newspaper.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked everyone who helped to "dig us out" of the heavy snow over the last few weeks saying the community coming together is truly inspiring.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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