



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, March 02, 2026

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Bob Lynn

Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor

Assembly Member James Valentine

Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

Assembly Member Bob Martin

Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting will be included in the March 16, 2026 packet for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

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.

No views were shared.

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

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

B. Petersburg School District

Superintendent Taylor provided an update on School District activities.

C. US Forest Service

District Ranger Case provided an update on Forest Service activities.

D. BDO Audit Report

Bikky Shrestha and George Barker presented the findings of the Borough's FY 2025 financial audit.

E. Emergency Operations Plans Update

Emergency Services Director Hankins provided a report regarding the update to the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan and that it will be included in the FY2027 budget.

12. Mayor's Report

A. March 2, 2026 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. March 2, 2026 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 #2026-04: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Zone A Parcel of Borough Tideland

Industrial (I-1) Within the Marine Industrial Overlay Zone Subdistrict - Third Reading

If adopted, this ordinance shall amend the Service Area 1 Zoning Map to designate a Borough- owned tideland parcel as Industrial (I- 1) within the Marine Industrial Overlay. The Planning Commission report, recommending approval of the rezone, is attached to this agenda item.

Ordinance #2026-04 was unanimously approved in its first and second readings.

By unanimous Roll Call vote, Ordinance #2026-04 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Schwartz.

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2026-03: Axon Agreement for Public Safety Equipment

Chief Kerr requests approval of Resolution #2026-03 authorizing an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc for body-worn cameras, TASER 10 devices, in-car camera systems, digital evidence storage, training, and related software services in an amount not to exceed \$378,897.58 over a ten-year term, with annual payments subject to appropriation.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Resolution #2026-03.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

B. Request for Direction on Wireless Communication Facility Regulation

Director Cabrera requests direction from the Assembly on how it wishes to proceed with potential regulation of Wireless Communication Facilities (WCFs). Staff is seeking guidance on the preferred path forward before additional research or development of potential ordinance language.

A motion to recommend Option 3: to Regulate Wireless Communication Facility's (WCFs) borough-wide (excepting within the City of Kupreanof) by extending Title 19 outside of Service Area One.

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

Discussion ensued.

Amendment: An amendment was introduced to create a holding district outside of Service Area One that allows all uses except Wireless Communication Facilities, which would require a conditional use permit.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Valentine.

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman Amendment passed unanimously; 7 - 0.

Main Motion as amended: To recommend Option 3: Regulate Wireless Communication Facilities (WCFs) borough- wide (excepting within the City of Kupreanof) by extending Title 19 outside of Service Area One, and to create a holding district that allows all uses except Wireless Communication Facilities, which would require a conditional use permit.

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

The main motion, as amended, was unanimously approved 7 - 0.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since February 12, 2026

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Member Martin spoke about the Board of Fish proposal to limit hatchery production statewide. He stated that he will have either a resolution or a letter opposing the proposal at the next meeting for consideration by the Assembly.

B. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Valentine.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman