



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. July 3, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The Assembly unanimously approved the July 3, 2023 Assembly meeting minutes.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

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.

Gary Aulbach, representing himself, expressed his support for Resolution #2023-09.

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. Housing Needs Assessment Update

Assembly Member and Housing Task Force Chair Kensinger updated the Assembly on the housing needs assessment project.

B. Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department

Assembly Member Meucci recognized the PVFD staff and volunteers for their dedication to our community. Fire Chief Stolpe, Emergency Services Director Hankins and Assistant Fire Chief Berg thanked the membership for their efforts and encouraged the public to join the Department or inquire about other avenues to support volunteer efforts.

12. Mayor's Report

A. July 17, 2023 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

There was no written Manager's report.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2023-11: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Portions of the Airport

Addition Subdivision and Thirteenth Street Relocation Subdivision to Public Use (PU) - Third and Final Reading

The Assembly approved Ordinance #2023-11 by a vote of 4-1 in its third and final reading.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Marsh

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2023-09: A Resolution to Use up to \$100,000 from the Property Development Fund to Provide Utility Connection Stubs to Residentially Zoned Borough Property Lines to Prepare the Lots for Future Sale

Resolution #2023-09 was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

B. Solid Waste Contract Proposal

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved to renew the Borough's solid waste contract with Republic Services for a 2-year time-frame with an optional 3rd year at the Borough's discretion.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

C. Department Head Longevity Pay

By a vote of 5-1, the Assembly approved use of the longevity pay schedule, which is applied to Borough employees covered under the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association union, for Departments Heads.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Marsh

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since June 29, 2023

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Petersburg's Sea Plane Float

Petersburg's State-owned Sea Plane Float is deteriorating and it appears the State is not planning to perform maintenance on the facility. Manager Giesbrecht has been speaking with ADOT officials, who would like to transfer ownership of the facility to the Borough.

Manager Giesbrecht shared the discussions he has had to date with the State of Alaska regarding Petersburg's State-owned Sea Plane Float.

B. High School Scholarship Program for Trades

Manager Giesbrecht explained his thoughts regarding possible creation of a Borough subsidized scholarship program for local residents willing to attend a trade school and return to Petersburg to work in the trade for which they were trained. He is currently researching the subject and will bring more information to the Assembly at a future meeting.

C. Assembly Member Comments

There were no comments.

D. Recognitions

Assembly Member Meucci again recognized the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department and everyone who recently helped in any capacity during the Catholic Church fire. He urged residents to become a volunteer, and to contact Fire Chief Stolpe or Emergency Services Director Hankins for more information.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci