



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, December 06, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### 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. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. November 17, 2021 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes

The Special and Regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2021 were unanimously approved.

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

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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,

**5. Public Hearings**

**A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-18: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility", and Including Electric Rate and Connection Cost Increases**

No testimony was given on Ordinance #2021-18 during this public hearing.

**B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-21: An Emergency Ordinance Continuing a Public Health and Safety Measure (Requirement of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings) to Address Current Community COVID-19 Outbreak**

No testimony was given for Ordinance #2021-21 during this public hearing.

**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.*

Dana Thynes spoke regarding the 1950s Milgram Experiment.

Becky Knight, Eric Lee and David Beebe spoke in opposition to the Landless Native legislation introduced by Senator Murkowski, requesting the Assembly take a position on the legislation.

John Havrilek spoke in support of continued masking in Petersburg.

**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**

**A. Kito's Kave Bar and Liquor Store Liquor License Renewal**

The Assembly unanimously supported renewal of Kito's Kave Bar & Liquor Store liquor licenses.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, 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. Loyal Order of Moose #1092 Liquor License Renewal**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly supported the renewal of the Loyal Order of Moose #1092 liquor license.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, 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

**11. Report of Other Officers**

**A. Petersburg Medical Center Update**

PMC CEO Hofstetter provided an update on Medical Center activities.

**B. COVID-19 Situation Update**

Dr. Mark Tuccillo, the Borough's Health Officer, gave an update on the current COVID-19 situation in Petersburg and encouraged the continuation of masking.

**C. New Fire Truck Update**

Public Works Director Cotta (who oversees the Motor Pool for the Borough) reported the fire truck replacement committee is reviewing the needed specs for the vehicle and Motor Pool will be requesting Assembly approval to place an order in the near future.

**D. Baler Update**

Public Works Director Cotta reported the new baler, which was installed in October of 2019, is a huge improvement to the old baler which had exceeded its service life. Director Cotta also reported a change to the recycling program - after January 1, 2022, recycle goods will be picked up every other week rather than every week. In addition, the department will work toward retiring all metal dumpsters currently in service.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. December 6, 2021 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen read his report in to the record.

**13. Manager's Report**

**A. December 6, 2021 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 #2021-18: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility", and Including Electric Rate and Connection Cost Increases - Second Reading**

Ordinance #2021-18 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

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

#### **15. New Business**

##### **A. Ordinance #2021-21: An Emergency Ordinance Continuing a Public Health and Safety Measure (Requirement of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings) to Address Current Community COVID-19 Outbreak - One and Only Reading**

Emergency Ordinance #2021-21 was approved in its one and only reading by a vote of 6-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

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

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen

##### **B. FY 2023 Capital Projects**

The FY 2023 Capital Projects List was amended to list \$100,000 separately for Petersburg Medical Center new facility site selection and preliminary environmental engineering and reduce the amount listed for the new facility construction from \$16,200,000 to \$16,100,000 and to add Papke's Landing parking lot, dock, floats and ramp. The list was unanimously approved as amended.

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

##### **C. 2022 SEAPA Board Appointments**

Mayor Jensen, with approval of the Assembly, reappointed Bob Lynn as Petersburg's voting member of the SEAPA Board of Directors and Karl Hagerman as Petersburg's alternate to the SEAPA Board for calendar year 2022.

#### **D. Public Safety Advisory Board Appointment**

Mayor Jensen, with approval of the Assembly, appointed Dan Sullivan the vacant seat on the Public Safety Advisory Board until the October, 2022 Municipal Election.

### **16. Communications**

#### **A. Correspondence Received Since November 11, 2021**

### **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

#### **A. Childcare Relief Funding Request**

Assembly Member Meucci shared that the funding relief requesters would like to withdraw their requests and wait to see how the Borough will plan to use the remaining ARPA funds.

#### **B. ARPA Funds Work Session**

Assembly Member Meucci shared he will be requesting as an action item at the December 20, 2021 meeting that the Assembly agree on a date for a work session, sooner rather than later, regarding the ARPA funds received by the Borough.

#### **C. Request for Home Mail Delivery in Petersburg**

Assembly Member Kensinger requested the attached draft Resolution urging the US Postal Service to offer home mail delivery in Petersburg and stated he will be bringing it forward as an action item at the December 20, 2021 meeting.

#### **D. Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation**

Mayor Jensen stated he requested this discussion item along with the proposed legislation be posted in this meeting packet to give the public time to read it and provide comment to the Assembly. He plans to bring the subject forward as an action item at the December 20, 2021 meeting to determine if the Assembly has a desire to provide comment to our Federal Delegation regarding the legislation.

#### **E. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Tremblay wished everyone a Happy Hanakkah. She also expressed sorrow and anger that the airwaves of this meeting were used to compare our current situation to the Holocaust in Europe. She thanked members of the community who do not let partisanship take a role in dealing with COVID-19.

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh shared his thoughts on comments made regarding the precedent setting nature of the Landless Native bill stating the ANCSA legislation

passed in the 1970's should not be "the high bar" and quality legislation should always be the goal.

#### **F. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked Dr. Tuccillo for volunteering to act as the Borough's Health Officer.

Mayor Jensen thanked the Public Works Streets crew for doing such a good job keeping our streets plowed.

#### **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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