



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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 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. February 7, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The February 7, 2022 meeting minutes 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 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**

**A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2022-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds of Petersburg Borough Electric Utility**

No testimony was given.

**6. Bid Awards**

**A. Caterpillar 399 In-Frame Overhaul Award**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved award of an overhaul of Power & Light's Caterpillar 399 in-frame diesel generator to NC Machinery/NC Power Systems for an amount not to exceed \$158,572.11.

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

**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.*

Don Koenigs spoke in support of Ordinance #2022-02.

Brittni Caulum spoke in support of our Police Department.

**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.*

Jolyn Duddles spoke in opposition to the sale of Borough-owned property located at 1015 Sandy Beach Road.

Don Koenigs recommended the Assembly change all Assembly meetings to evening meetings, and spoke in support of the sale of Borough-owned property located at 1015 Sandy Beach Road.

**9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

No reports were given.

**10. Consent Agenda**

There were no Consent Agenda items.

**11. Report of Other Officers**

**A. Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit and Transportation Symposium Report**

Assembly Member Kensinger reported on his attendance at the Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit.

**B. Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting Report**

Assembly Member Meucci reported on the recent PSAB meeting.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. February 22, 2022 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen read his written report into the record and reported on his attendance at the Alaska Municipal League Winter Legislative Conference.

**13. Manager's Report**

**A. February 22, 2022 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 #2022-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds of Petersburg Borough Electric Utility - Second Reading**

Ordinance #2022-01 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

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

**15. New Business**

**A. Ordinance #2022-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.20.050 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, Entitled "Restrictions on Dual Office Holding", to Prohibit an Assembly Member from Being a Candidate for Mayor Unless the Assembly Member First Resigns from the Assembly, Except Where the Assembly Member's Term Ends Concurrently with that of the Incumbent Mayor - First Reading**

Ordinance #2022-02 failed by a vote of 5-1.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen

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

**B. Ordinance #2022-03: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 14.20, Entitled "Municipal Harbors", to Increase Harbor Fees**

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2022-03 in its first 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

**C. FY 2023 Priority Petersburg Borough Federal Projects**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved the FY 2023 Federal Projects list.

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

**D. Wastewater Discharge Permit Letter to Governor Dunleavy**

The letter to Governor Dunleavy regarding Petersburg's 302h waiver for wastewater discharge was unanimously approved.

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

**E. Childcare Work Session**

The Assembly scheduled a work session to discuss childcare issues for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

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. Communications**

### **A. Correspondence Since February 3, 2022**

## **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

### **A. Borough Employees as Elected Board Members**

Assembly Member Meucci requested a discussion regarding what would need to change to allow Borough employees to serve on elected Borough boards.

Borough Charter Section 2.10(A) reads as follows:

*A. Other Public Offices, Employment or Contracts.* Except to the extent otherwise provided by state law, no borough assembly member or mayor shall hold any other elected borough office, any other compensated borough office or any borough employment during term of office. Other than membership on an appointed committee, board or commission, no borough assembly member or the mayor shall be hired or appointed to any compensated borough office or borough employment for a period of one year after vacating office.

Borough Charter Section 7.01(D), Section 8.02(C), and Section 9.02(C) state, "The provisions of this Charter applicable to the assembly members and mayor apply to (planning commission, school board, hospital board) members to the extent permitted by law.

Therefore, as written, members of the Borough Assembly, Planning Commission, School Board and Hospital Board may not be Borough employees. To change the Charter, a ballot measure must be passed by Petersburg Borough voters at a municipal election.

During the meeting, Assembly Member Meucci stated he is not looking to move this subject to a future agenda.

### **B. Community Clean Up Week / Baler Voucher System**

Assembly Member Meucci inquired about the cost of a free Community Clean Up week at the landfill. Assembly Member Tremblay discussed use of the current voucher system and using volunteers to haul refuse to the landfill for residents who do not have the means to do so.

### **C. Police Department Retention Report**

This was discussed under Agenda Item 13, Manager's Report.

### **D. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Meucci inquired whether the sale of the property on Sandy Beach road currently being discussed will be by sealed bid. Clerk Thompson clarified that the Assembly will decide whether to hold the auction by sealed bid or outcry auction.

## **E. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked Public Health for securing and distributing free KN95 masks to the community.

## **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, 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