



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 07, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen

Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

Assembly Member David Kensinger

Vice Mayor Jleigh Stanton Gregor

Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

Assembly Member Taylor Norheim (Note: Member Norheim joined the meeting at 12:25 p.m.)

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021

B. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

The meeting minutes for August 9 and August 16, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to move Assembly Discussion Item 17C to 17A, and was unanimously approved as amended.

5. Public Hearings

A. Ordinance #2021-13: An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.080 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Quorum and Voting Requirements", To Allow Assembly Member Participation by Teleconference to be Counted for Purposes of Determining a Quorum - Public Hearing

Any public testimony regarding Ordinance #2021-13 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Ordinance #2021-13 may be found under agenda item 14A.

James Whitethorn spoke in opposition to allowing Assembly Members to be counted toward a quorum if they are not physically present at the meeting.

6. Bid Awards

A. 2021 Winter Sand Bid Award

Public Works Director Cotta recommends the Assembly award the Winter Sand bid to Rock and Road Construction in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

The 2021 Winter Sand bid was unanimously awarded to Rock and Road Construction for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

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

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

A. BPO Elks Lodge #1615 Liquor License Renewal Application

The Elks Lodge has applied with the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for a liquor license renewal. The Assembly may support or protest the application. A protest may not be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

The Assembly unanimously supported renewal of the Elks Lodge #1615 liquor license.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Borough Federal Lobbyist

Sebastian O'Kelly, with Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh, will provide an update.

Sebastian O'Kelly, with the Borough's federal lobbyists, Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh, provided a detailed update on what our federal delegation and lobbyists are working on in D.C. on behalf of the Petersburg Borough.

B. Hospital Report

PMC CEO Hofstetter will provide a report.

PMC CEO Hofstetter reported on recent activities at the Medical Center and with the Hospital Board.

12. Mayor's Report

A. September 7, 2021 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. September 7, 2021 Managers 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 #2021-13: An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.080 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Quorum and Voting Requirements", To Allow Assembly Member Participation by Teleconference to be Counted for Purposes of Determining a Quorum - Second Reading

If adopted, Ordinance #2021-13 will allow Assembly Member participation by teleconference to be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

Ordinance #2021-13 was approved in its second reading by a vote of 5-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Norheim
Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen

15. New Business

A. **Ordinance #2021-14: An Emergency Ordinance Temporarily Suspending Baler Fees for Household Baler Waste Delivered to the Baler Facility - First and Only Reading**

If adopted, Ordinance #2021-14 will temporarily suspend fees for a sixty (60) day period from the date of adoption, for household baler waste delivered to the baler facility during normal business hours by residents.

Emergency Ordinance #2021-14 failed by a vote of 5-1, Member Meucci in favor.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

B. **Ordinance #2021-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 9.16, 14.04, 14.08, 14.12, and 14.16 of the Municipal Code to Authorize Creation and Recording of a Lien in Favor of the Borough in Order to Secure Payment of Delinquent Fees, Costs and Expenses - First Reading**

If adopted, Ordinance #2021-16 will authorize the Borough to place liens on real property to secure past due utility fees, costs incurred by the municipality in the abatement of an unsafe or dangerous building, and other fees and charges provided for by ordinance.

Ordinance #2021-16 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

C. **Purchase of Replacement Police Patrol Unit**

Public Works Director Cotta recommends the Assembly approve the purchase of a Police Patrol Unit in the amount of \$57,274.

The Assembly unanimously approved purchase of a Police Patrol Unit for an amount not to exceed \$57,274.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

D. Entrance Island Dock, Kupreanof Dock and Papke's Dock

Assembly Member Meucci wishes to direct Manager Giesbrecht to begin discussions with the State DOT about resolving the ownership, or transfer of ownership, of the Entrance Island dock, the Kupreanof dock and Papke's Landing dock.

The motion to direct Manager Giesbrecht to begin discussion with the State DOT about resolving ownership, or transfer of ownership, of the Entrance Island dock, the Kupreanof dock, and the Papke's Landing dock failed by a vote of 3-3, Mayor Jensen and Members Stanton Gregor and Tremblay opposed.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Norheim

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Tremblay, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen

E. Sale of Borough Parcel #01-003-521 Located at 306 Sandy Beach Road

On August 23, 2021, Parcel #01-003-521 was auctioned by sealed bid. There were two bidders for the property with the highest bid submitted by Chad Villamor in the amount of \$71,099. Borough Code Section 16.12.100 provides for Assembly approval of the highest bid and subsequent sale.

The Assembly unanimously approved sale of Borough Parcel #01-003-521 to Chad Villamor in the amount of \$71,099.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

F. Sale of Borough Parcel #03-210-310 Located on Kupreanof Island

On August 23, 2021, Parcel #03-210-310 was auctioned by sealed bid. There were four bidders for the property with the highest bid submitted by Rick Braun in the amount of \$15,001. Borough Code Section 16.12.100 provides for Assembly approval of the highest bid and subsequent sale.

The Assembly unanimously approved sale of Borough Parcel #03-210-310 to Rick Braun in the amount of \$15,001.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

G. Sale of Borough Parcel #03-213-040 Located on Kupreanof Island

On August 23, 2021, Parcel #03-213-040 was auctioned by sealed bid. There were two bidders for the property with the highest bid submitted by Max D. Craske in the amount of \$18,500. Borough Code Section 16.12.100 provides for Assembly approval of the highest bid and subsequent sale.

The Assembly unanimously approved sale of Borough Parcel #03-213-040 to Max D. Craske in the amount of \$18,500.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since August 11, 2021

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Community Housing

Member Tremblay requested this discussion item.

Assembly Member Tremblay shared information regarding a recent meeting she attended with the Share Coalition and Manager Giesbrecht to identify Petersburg's specific housing needs. The group plans to continue to have conversations regarding the subject to try to improve the situation for Petersburg.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Member Stanton Gregor reminded everyone that it is Democracy Time again - please get out and vote in the Municipal Election.

Member Norheim reminded our local fishermen that Early/Absentee Voting begins on September 15 and asked the public to consider joining the Fire/EMS team as a volunteer.

C. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Executive Session

The Assembly will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the status of the collective bargaining agreement with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association.

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 1:52 p.m. to discuss the status of the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

Note: Assembly Member Norheim left the meeting at the beginning of the Executive Session.

The Assembly entered Regular Session again at 2:17 p.m.

19. Ratification of the PMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Borough Assembly will consider approval of the PMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, to be effective January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023.

The January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen