



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz
Assembly Member Jleigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member James Valentine
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Bob Martin

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2025

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended and approved by unanimous roll call vote as follows:
Add the swearing-in of Tristan Enriquez as a new police officer immediately after Item 4 the Approval of Agenda.

Move Senator Sullivan's Report from Item 11 to take place immediately after Tristan's swearing-in and before the Public Hearing.

Remove Item 15C, Letter of Interest from John Havrelik, as the school board will appoint their new board member.

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

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

Member Meucci requested to add a discussion item regarding cell phone towers to item 17.

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

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

4b. Swearing in of Tristan Enriquez as new police officer.

Tristan Enriquez was sworn in.

4c. Report of Other Officers

A. Senator Sullivan Presentation

Senator Sullivan provided a presentation regarding the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

5. Public Hearings

A. Ordinance #2025-14: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to

(1) Rezone with a Condition Precedent Government Lot 21 (parcel #01-010-430) From Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.) to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH); and

(2) to Rezone Lot 4, Block A, Skylark II Subdivision, Plat #90-14 (Parcel #01-010-243) from Single-Family Residential (S-F) to Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.) and Government Lot 13 (Parcel #01-010-412) from Public Use (P-1) to Open Space - Recreational (O.S.R.)

No testimony was given.

B. Ordinance #2025-15: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes

No testimony was given.

6. Bid Awards

A. Freezer Floor Repair - Mountain View Manor Elderly Housing - Intent to Award

The Assembly unanimously awarded the Elderly Housing freezer floor repair project to Steelhead Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton

Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin

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.

Judy Ohmer, representing herself, updated the Assembly on the cell phone towers and a group of citizens that are meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the towers.

Jackie Tyson, representing herself, spoke about cell phone towers that have been installed in other communities in SE Alaska and her concerns.

Tom Kowalske, representing himself, spoke about his concern about a new cell phone tower that is being installed on Mill Road which is very near his house.

Heather O'Neil, representing herself, spoke against the cell phone towers and spoke in favor of updating the Borough's codes and ordinances to keep up with the new technology.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

A. Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) Update

Mayor and SEAPA Board Member Lynn and Utility Director and SEAPA Board Member Hagerman provided an update on SEAPA activities.

10. Consent Agenda: There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers: This item was moved to directly after the approval of agenda.

12. Mayor's Report

A. November 17, 2025 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. November 17, 2025 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht's report is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance #2025-14: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to**
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Ordinance #2025-14 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

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

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

B. Ord #2025-15: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes - Second Reading

If approved in three readings this supplemental budget would make changes to the following funds:

Close out Fund 745, Auto Meter Reading Capital Project, by transferring the remaining \$15,901.75 to Fund 763, the Electric Grid Resiliency Capital Project Fund.

Budget \$78,000 in revenue from PIA for the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement Project per Resolution #2025-21.

Budget \$66,000 for engineering expenses in the Wastewater Fund not-to-exceed \$66,000 for time and material to prepare bid ready documents for repairs to the outfall pipe in Frederick Sound.

Budget \$25,000 in the Wastewater fund to purchase one replacement variable frequency drive (VFD) due to failure of the existing unit at Pump Station 5 and rebuild the two failed VFDs to serve as backup units for future operational needs. A memo from Director Marohl regarding the VFDs is attached.

Budget \$195,000 in expenses for new light poles for the Downtown Street Light Capital Project. \$195,000 in cash is already reserved in this capital project fund for this purpose.

An amendment was made to take an additional \$11,000 from the Parks and Recreation repair and maintenance fund to cover repairs to the bleacher roof and dugout at the Mort Fryer ballfield that were damaged in the September 26, 2025 windstorm.

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

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

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Meucci

Ordinance #2025-15 was unanimously approved, as amended, in its second reading.

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2025-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled “Purchasing”, to Update Bid and Proposal Submission Procedures - First Reading

By unanimous Roll Call vote, Ordinance # 2025-16, was approved in its first reading.

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

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

B. Appointment to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency Board of Directors for 2026 of One Voting and One Alternate Member

For calendar year 2026, the Petersburg Borough is entitled to one voting member seat and one alternate seat on the SEAPA Board of Directors.

Mayor Lynn appointed the seats to the SEAPA Advisory Board as follows: Mayor Bob Lynn, voting member, Karl Hagerman, alternate seat from January to June, Steve Harbour, alternate seat from July to December.

C. Consideration of Letter of Interest for Vacant School Board Seat

This item was removed from the agenda. The school board will appoint their own school board members.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since October 30, 2025

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Member Meucci discussed the cell phone towers and said that this would be a good time to draft an ordinance that would limit where cell phone towers could be placed in service area one.

Discussion about the cell phone towers and ordinances ensued.

B. Recognitions

Member Meucci thanked Public Works and Power and Light for giving him a tour of their facilities.

Member Stanton Gregor thanked all of the volunteers that helped out with the swim meet over the weekend. He also recognized the local swimmers that did well in their

events. Cyrus Hulebek who set a new club record and Logan Tow who won first place at State in the 100-meter freestyle.

Member Schwartz also congratulated the swimmers for their success at State.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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

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