



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen
Vice Mayor Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Scott Newman
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz
Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member James Valentine

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025

The minutes of the September 2, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

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.

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

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

There were no reports.

12. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor's Report September 15, 2025

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. Manager's Report September 15, 2025

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 #2025-13: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2025-13 will make the following changes to the FY2026 Budget. The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2025-13 in its second reading.

Harbor Shed Roof -This project was originally budgeted for in FY2025. The construction project was delayed due to contractor availability. Construction is now

scheduled for this fall. This adjustment to the FY2026 budget allocates \$180,000 to complete the project.

Blind Slough Hydro Dam Breach Study - This proposed expense of \$59,942 is to fund a professional services contract for the completion of a Dam Break Study in FY26. A proposal has been received from McMillen, the engineering firm that designed the Blind Slough hydro upgrades and also acts as our Chief Dam Safety Engineer. A copy of the proposal is attached to the Assembly packet.

GIS Project – This project helps support the Electric, Water and Wastewater departments. Additional funding (\$15,000 to be split between the three utilities) is needed to continue a support contract with RDI, the GIS experts that assisted with the in-the-field data collection effort this summer. This additional professional support will help Borough staff to complete utility maps and provide guidance as the utilities begin to use the GIS system and expand on its functionality. The increased budget will also allow for additional training of our in-house GIS Technicians to ensure effective management of the GIS data.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2025-13 was approved in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor. Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

B. Resolution #2025-17: A Resolution Urging Immediate Action for Effective Sea Otter Management to Restore Southeast Alaska's Shellfish Commercial Fisheries and Subsistence Harvests

Postponed from the August 4, 2025 Assembly meeting to the September 15, 2025 meeting.

If approved, Resolution #2025-17 would request immediate action by federal and state authorities to establish and expedite a comprehensive and adaptive sea otter management strategy in Southeast Alaska.

Member Marsh disclosed a conflict of interest due to her husband's personal crab permit. The Assembly voted to allow her to participate in the vote on the resolution.

Mayor Jensen also disclosed a conflict of interest due to his personal ownership of a crab permit. The Assembly voted to allow him to participate in the vote on the resolution.

Amendments to the Resolution

A motion was made by Member Marsh to strike the paragraph referencing the Shellfish Protection organization was made and after discussion, was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

An amendment was introduced by Member Marsh and adopted by a vote of 4 to 1 to add the following language to the resolution: *“Sea Otters may be taken by any Alaska resident with a valid hunting license.”*

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Voting Nay: Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

After discussion, Resolution #2025-17, as amended, was approved by a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Voting Nay: Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

15. New Business

16. Communications

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

There were no comments.

B. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor