



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, June 01, 2026

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lynn at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Bob Martin
Assembly Member Scott Newman

EXCUSED

Assembly Member James Valentine

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2026

The minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda by removing Item 15C, Fire Station 2 Training Props Relocation.

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

5. Public Hearings

A. Ordinance #2026-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.28.120 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, To Increase the Amount of the Single Purchase Sales Tax Cap from \$1,200 To \$5,000, and Directing That the Proposed Amendment Be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough

Judy Ohmer, speaking for herself, spoke against Ordinance #2026-10.

B. Ordinance #2026-11: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 14.08 of The Municipal Code, Entitled “Sewer Utility”

No testimony was given.

C. Ordinance #2026-12: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 Zoning, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Regulate Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF) And Other Towers and Transmitters

Tom Kowalske, speaking for himself, spoke about Borough land sales and the Comprehensive Plan.

Becky Knight, speaking for herself, raised concerns regarding health impacts of communication towers.

Mika Cline, speaking for herself, spoke about communication tower setbacks and sovereign immunity provisions.

Heather O’Neil, speaking for herself, expressed concern about proximity of existing towers to private property and potential liability issues.

Luke Short, speaking for himself and his family, spoke against communication towers.

Judy Ohmer, speaking for herself, expressed concerns regarding setback distances and regulations for communication towers.

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.

John Murgas, speaking for himself, spoke against the proposed sale of Borough property to Tidal Network .

Susan Martinez, speaking for herself, spoke against additional cell towers in the community.

Becky Knight, speaking for herself, spoke against communication towers and their visual impact.

Mika Cline, speaking for herself, spoke against the location and sale of land for the communication tower.

Jackie Tyson, speaking for herself, spoke against selling the land for the communication tower.

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.

Tom Kowalske, speaking for himself, spoke about the Borough's comprehensive plan.

David Beebe, speaking for himself, spoke against communication towers.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Kito's Kave Inc. Package Store Liquor License and Beverage Dispensary License Transfer

The Kito's Kave Liquor License and Beverage Dispensary transfer was unanimously approved.

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

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

B. Beachcomber Lodge LLC Beverage Dispensary License Renewal

The Beachcomber Lodge LLC beverage dispensary license was unanimously approved.

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

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

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

B. US Forest Service

District Ranger Case updated the Assembly on Forest Service activities.

C. Petersburg School District

School Superintendent Taylor updated the Assembly on school district activities.

12. Mayor's Report

A. June 1, 2026 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. June 1, 2026 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2026-06: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Title 20, Entitled "Watershed Management", To Update Language and to Account for Borough Incorporation - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, this ordinance would update and codify existing watershed management regulations into the borough code, reflect borough formation, and continue protections for the City Creek and Cabin Creek water supply watersheds to safeguard water quality and quantity for Service Area 1.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-06 was approved in its third reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

B. Ordinance #2026-07: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 4.80 To Adjust the Marine Passenger Fee to Address Increased Borough Costs Associated with Services to and Infrastructure for Marine Passenger Vessels and Their Passengers - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, this ordinance would amend the Marine Passenger Fee by increasing the per- passenger charge to address rising costs for public safety, harbor operations, sanitation, emergency response, and other Borough services and infrastructure impacted by marine passenger vessels, while codifying the change in the municipal code with the increase effective January 1, 2027.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-08 was approved in its third reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

C. Ordinance #2026-08: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility" - Third Reading

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-08 was approved in its third reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

D. Ordinance #2026-09: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027 - Third Reading

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-09 was approved in its third reading.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

E. Ordinance #2026-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.28.120 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, To Increase the Amount of the Single Purchase Sales Tax Cap from \$1,200 To \$5,000, and Directing That the Proposed Amendment Be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough - Second Reading

By a vote of 5 -1, Ordinance #2025-10 was approved in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin,
Voting Nay: Assembly Member Newman

F. Ordinance #2026-11: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 14.08 of The Municipal Code, Entitled "Sewer Utility" - Second Reading

An amendment was made to amend "Private Sewage Disposal" by striking the current rate of \$4.00 and replacing it with \$8.00 and by striking the rate of \$50.00 and replacing it with \$100.00.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-11 was approved in its second reading as amended.

G. Ordinance #2026-12: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 Zoning, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Regulate Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF) And Other Towers and Transmitters - Second Reading

By a vote of 3 - 3, Ordinance #2026-12 failed in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman
Voting Nay: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2026-16: A Resolution Approving the Sale of a Borough Parcel to the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Doing Business as Tidal Network

If approved, Resolution #2026-16 would authorize the sale of an approximately 0.23-acre Borough-owned parcel in the Petersburg Borough to the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, doing business as Tidal Network, under the terms of the attached Contract of Sale.

Resolution #2026-16 failed by a vote of 2 - 4.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor
Voting Nay: Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

B. Request for Extension - Dangerous Building Order

Joshua Adams is requesting an extension of 30 days to comply with a dangerous building order at 12 S Sing Lee Alley. The extension would give Mr. Adams until June 23, 2026, to address the required corrections. Staff recommends the approval of the extension. The order is attached to this agenda item.

The assembly voted 5 -1 to grant the request from Mr. Adams for an extension.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman
Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor

C. Fire Station 2 Training Props Relocation

This agenda item requested by Member Meucci

This item was removed during agenda approval by motion of the Assembly.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since May 14, 2026

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Meeting Schedule Discussion

This agenda item requested by Member Martin

Assembly discussed potential summer schedule changes, including shifting meetings to later in the week and/or 6:00 p.m. to improve attendance and public participation. Members noted competing seasonal demands, mixed preferences for noon vs. evening meetings, and historical reasons for the current schedule.

B. Assembly - Staff Work Session Discussion

This agenda item requested by Mayor Lynn

Assembly discussed informal work sessions with staff to allow additional time for questions and topic review outside regular meetings. Members expressed general support for additional discussion opportunities, noting challenges with limited time to review agendas. Concerns were raised about staff workload, maintaining clear boundaries between discussion and decision-making, and ensuring proper public engagement.

C. Assembly Member Comments

Member Meucci relayed concerns about limited parking at the baseball field due to fence placement near Excel Street and asked about moving it back for more parking space. Discussion. Someone will speak to the hospital about the issue.

D. Recognitions

Member Martin offered congratulations to graduating students and their families, and expressed appreciation to parents, taxpayers, the community, the school district, borough, and Parks and Recreation for their support.

Member Stanton Gregor congratulated the graduating seniors, the community and district staff for their high-quality work and dedication to student success.

Member Newman congratulated the graduating seniors.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman