



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, April 04, 2022

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Apr 4, 2022 12:00 PM Alaska
Topic: April 4, 2022 Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. March 21, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes**
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
6. **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.
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.
9. **Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**
10. **Consent Agenda**
11. **Report of Other Officers**

A. FY 2021 Audit Report

Bikki Shrestha, Audit Partner with BDO Financials, will provide a review of the Borough's FY 2021 audit and financials. Financial Statements may be found on the Borough's website at <https://www.petersburgak.gov/finance/page/budget-financial-statements>.

B. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter will provide an update on the Medical Center.

12. Mayor's Report

A. April 4, 2022 Mayor's Report

13. Manager's Report

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14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2022-04: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2022 Budget for Known Changes

Ordinance #2022-04, if adopted, will approve fund transfers to provide for: 1) the Electric Department 399 Cat Inframe Overhaul; 2) purchase of a new flatbed/plow truck for the Harbor Department; 3) acceptance of the \$1,430,892 DCRA Local Government Lost Revenue Grant; and 4) unexpected rooftop snow removal and electric expenses for the Parks & Recreation Department. The ordinance was unanimously approved in its first reading.

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2022-05: A Resolution Opposing House Bill No. 303 and Senate Bill No. 180 of the State of Alaska Thirty-Second Legislature, both Bills Entitled "An Act Relating to Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance; Relating to Commercial Passenger Vessel Fees; Establishing the Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Fund; Repealing the Authority for Citizens' Suits Relating to Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance; Repealing the Commercial Passenger Vessel Recognition Program; and Providing for an Effective Date"

A resolution opposing HB 303 and SB 180, which if passed will repeal the Ocean Rangers program, was requested by Assembly Member Lynn.

B. Resolution #2022-06: A Resolution Establishing an Early Childhood Education Task Force

Assembly Members Meucci, Kensinger and Tremblay, along with other local groups working on issues facing the childcare/preschool industry in Petersburg, request the

Assembly establish an Early Childhood Education Task Force to research possible solutions to the issues.

C. PMPL Transformer Purchase Request

Utility Director Hagerman requests to purchase 30 pole mounted transformers from General Pacific for an amount not to exceed \$54,150. Estimated shipping fees from Seattle to Petersburg are an additional \$5,000 for a total purchase cost of \$59,150.

D. FY 2023 Assembly Travel & Training Budget

Clerk Thompson is working on the Assembly budget for FY 2023 and requests approval of the Assembly Travel & Training line item set at \$19,500.

E. Juneau Economic Development Council Presentation on Childcare in Juneau

Assembly Member Meucci requests approval to hold an Assembly work session to receive a one-hour presentation (via Zoom) from Brian Holst with the JEDC regarding Juneau's childcare issue and how they are handling it, from an economic development perspective.

F. Fire Chief as a Member of Borough Staff

Assembly Member Meucci requests approval to direct Manager Giesbrecht to inquire of the Fire Department members, paid and volunteer, about their preference regarding the Fire Chief. For many years, Petersburg's Fire Chief has been a Volunteer and Member Meucci would like to inquire about how the Department members feel about changing the Fire/EMS Director position to a Fire Chief position.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since March 17, 2022

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

B. Recognitions

18. Adjourn



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Monday, March 21, 2022

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor 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

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. March 7, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The March 7, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

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

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add a Discussion Item under Agenda Item 17 regarding HB 303. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

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

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

Fine-Walsh

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

A. Public Works Culvert Replacement Project Bid Award

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved award of the Public Works Culvert Replacement Project to Reid Brothers Logging & Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$568,605.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

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No views were shared.

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Jim Floyd, representing himself, spoke regarding some Borough emails he received as the result of a Freedom of Information Act request and urged the Assembly to stop the constant public scrutiny of the Police Department and move forward.

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. Housing Discussion Report

Assembly Member Tremblay reported on a March 10, 2022 meeting held to discuss housing in Petersburg. The next meeting of the group is tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Assembly Member Tremblay for more information.

B. Southeast Sea Otter Stakeholder Working Group Quarterly Meeting Report

Assembly Member Meucci was unable to attend the February 28, 2022 Southeast Sea Otter Stakeholder Working Group meeting, but provided notes from the meeting along with two studies regarding the impacts of the increasing number of sea otters in Southeast Alaska.

12. Mayor's Report

A. March 21, 2022 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor read his report into the record and recognized Fire/EMS Director Sandy Dixon and MVM Director Shelyn Bell for their upcoming retirements, thanking them both for their dedicated service to Petersburg.

13. Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht was out of the office.

14. Unfinished Business

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

Ordinance #2022-03 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading. The new harbor rates will take effect April 1, 2022.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

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The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2022-04 in its first reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

B. Resolution #2022-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Parcel #01-004-320 Located at 700 Sandy Beach Road by Outcry Auction

At the March 7, 2022 meeting, the Assembly voted to sell Borough-owned property located at 700 Sandy Beach Road by outcry auction to be held on May 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Resolution #2022-03 provides for the sale, the date and time of the sale, the minimum bid price (\$77,500), and provides the Contract of Sale and Quit Claim Deed documents.

Resolution #2022-03 was unanimously approved.

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

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

C. Resolution #2022-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Parcel #01-014-180 Located at 1015 Sandy Beach Road by Outcry Auction

At the March 7, 2022 meeting, the Assembly voted to sell Borough-owned property located at 1015 Sandy Beach Road by outcry auction to be held on May 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Resolution #2022-04 provides for the sale, the date and time of the sale, the minimum bid price (\$168,800), and provides the Contract of Sale and Quit Claim Deed documents.

The Assembly unanimously approved Resolution #2022-04.

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

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

D. Fire/EMS Cardiac Monitor Purchase

Fire/EMS Director Dixson sought approval to purchase a new and updated cardiac monitor for the Department at a cost of approximately \$40,000. The State of Alaska has added new standard scope of practice skills at all EMT levels related to medications and cardiac care. In order to perform these skills, the Department needs a cardiac monitor with additional features that our current monitors do not possess (one monitor is 15+ years old and the other is 10 years old). The Department has \$10,000 in grant money to use toward the purchase.

Purchase of a new cardiac monitor for the Fire/EMS Department was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member

Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

E. Federal Infrastructure Grant Symposium

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Manager Giesbrecht, Finance Director Tow and Community & Economic Development Director Cabrera to attend the Federal Infrastructure Grant Symposium in Anchorage on April 11, 2022.

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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

F. March 23, 2022 Childcare Work Session Agenda

The draft Childcare Work Session agenda was amended to remove items 1-4, leaving "Early Childhood Education Task Force" and "What Can the Borough do to Help with the Childcare Conversation and Sustainable Answers to Future Needs?" as the two agenda items. The amended agenda was approved by a vote of 5-1.

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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since March 3, 2022

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Juneau Economic Development Council Presentation on Childcare in Juneau

Assembly Member Meucci inquired whether the Assembly has interest to have a work session to receive a presentation from Brian Holst with the Juneau Economic Development Council regarding how Juneau has handled the childcare issue in their community. The response was positive and Assembly Member Meucci requested the subject be an action item at the next Assembly meeting.

B. House Bill 303

Assembly Member Lynn discussed the Governor’s suggested changes to the Ocean Ranger program and cruise ship wastewater monitoring, with no on-board observers and using all electronic monitoring. He requested a resolution be drafted for the next Assembly meeting opposing HB 303.

C. Assembly Member Comments

No comments were shared.

D. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Petersburg Arts Council for the live concert scheduled for tomorrow evening. She recognized Congressman Don Young for his many years of public service before his passing, stating Alaska will never be the same without him; and she recognized Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, who has announced he will not run for re-election at the end of his term, stating her appreciation for his time as our Representative to the Alaska House.

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor recognized Congressman Don Young, stating he was an intriguing individual and an interesting read of history. He will be missed.

Assembly Member Lynn reminded the audience of the upcoming Hospital Board meeting with SEARHC representatives in attendance to be held March 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**Mayor's Report
for
April 4, 2022 Assembly Meeting**

1. Recognizing Congressman Don Young: Alaska's only Congressman, Don Young, passed away on March 18, 2022, at the age of 88. He was the longest serving Republican in the US House of Representatives, having served 49 years in office. Congressman Young worked hard for Alaskans, drafting and supporting legislation and funding for programs to the benefit of our state and the nation. He was a true force to be reckoned with and Alaska will miss him dearly. Sincere condolences are offered to Congressman Young's family, along with a hearty *Thank You, Congressman Young, for a job well done.*

2. Seeking Letters of Interest: The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community by filling one of the vacant seats on the following Borough Boards/Commissions until the October 2022 Municipal Election:

Planning Commission – two vacant seats

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – two vacant seats

Letters of interest should be submitted to Clerk Thompson at the Borough offices located at 12 S. Nordic Drive; by sending to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833; or by emailing to dthompson@petersburgak.gov.



**Borough Manager's Report
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- ❖ The South Harbor Dredge project opened for bid on March 18th with the award date of June 13th. The USACE received full Federal funding for all the base items in the bid packet and we are excited as this is only the 2nd Civil Works project the AK District has had go to construction in the past 5 years!
- ❖ Thank you to First Bank for their recent donation of \$3,000 to the library's 2022 Summer Reading Program.
- ❖ The Helmi Jensen Community Room Dedication will be held Wednesday April 6, 4-5pm. Everyone is welcome at this very special occasion.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be hosting a Work Session on Thursday, April 7th at 6p in the Activity Room at Community Center. They will be discussing Sandy Beach and future park ideas and projects. Meeting is in-person, please plan to join!
- ❖ New Parent/Tot and Open Swim times have been added to Parks and Rec Aquatic Schedule, viewable on Facebook and website, or call the front desk with any questions.
- ❖ Rotary will be hosting a Sandy Beach Clean-up on Saturday, April 9th at 11:00a, followed by a Petersburg Arts Council Moving Music Concert Series Event in Shelter #2 at 1:00p...Go jump into some fun!
- ❖ Had an outside instructor come to Petersburg for EMT-2 and EMT-3 recertification course and transition course to the State's new scope of practice. Two EMT-3s and six EMT-2s completed the recertification process.
- ❖ PCS informed us the entire contents of the ComDev folder on the Viking server was lost. They are working with an outside vendor to see if the data can be recovered from the damaged equipment.
- ❖ Several Department Heads and I, met with Chere Klein from Sen. Murkowski's office. She was happy to hear the borough would be represented at the Federal Grant Symposium in Anchorage.
- ❖ Liz and I met with Chad Wright from PIA to discuss housing issues and potential partnerships.
- ❖ The Manor is open for visitors. Please don't visit if you are not feeling well. Please call Shelyn with any questions.
- ❖ Spring cleanup of streets and ROW areas is underway, and it is a bigger than usual job this season due to the heavy snowfall. Excess traction sand, fallen trees and damaged guardrails are a few of the issues we are working to mitigate.
- ❖ We are prepping our Public Works yard for replacement of the large drainage culvert that failed in Dec 2020. Due to the large scale of the required excavation, we are having to relocate some supplies and equipment to maintain department functions during the construction period.

- ❖ Shortages of new vehicles, parts and supplies continue to plague the auto industry. We are seeing this in the form of increased prices and longer lead times for most things that are Motor Pool related.
- ❖ The transition to every-other-week recycling pickup will start on April 11th. The last week of regular residential curbside recycling pickups will be April 4-8th. Details have been sent out via PSAs and ads in the Petersburg Pilot. Anyone with questions should call Public Works at 772-4430 for additional information.
- ❖ Water department is shifting gears on a project to eliminate a perceived cross connection issue at the water storage tank. To install the piping and valve would require the line flowing to the tank be disabled for an extended period. This risk caused the department to rethink the method of satisfying the regulators on this issue and a different plan that will involve a much shorter time frame. We are working through development of updated plans for this operation after consultation with ADEC.
- ❖ Wastewater Staff will be working with Rock N Road to wrap up the Ira II Sewer Main project by performing an in-pipe inspection to verify that no ground water leaks exist in the new main. Rock N Road plans to complete the punch listed items soon to close out the work.
- ❖ Thanks to PW for assisting the WW crew in cutting and chipping damaged trees from Greens Camp Recreation area. The cooperative effort to clean up Green's Camp and provide chips for the composting cause is appreciated!
- ❖ PMPL's lineman apprentice has reported for his first, two-month session of line school. We wish him the best and know that he will represent PMPL and the Borough well.
- ❖ PMPL recently accepted proposals for replacement of the Superior Building Roof. Only one proposal was received, and it exceeded the budget by a wide margin. We were forced to reject the proposal and now plan to break the work into smaller pieces.
- ❖ NC Machinery will be mobilizing to Petersburg to commence the Caterpillar 399 overhaul on April 18th.
- ❖ EPC will mobilize to Petersburg during the week of April 18th as well, to complete testing and maintenance of generator breakers at the downtown power plant and at Scow Bay.
- ❖ The line crew is working on a replacement to service to a group of three customers in Scow Bay that had their underground electrical services fail over the winter. The crew was able to install a temporary line for service and is now installing an overhead service to provide the permanent solution.
- ❖ SEAPA recently consulted with PMPL on a damaged guy pole in Scow Bay. PMPL will complete the work and invoice SEAPA for the materials, time and equipment needed for the repair.
- ❖ As of March 29th the Borough has received 10 property assessment appeals. If all of the appeals are not resolved then the Board of Equalization (Assembly) will meet on April 14th at 5pm to make a decision on the remaining appeals.
- ❖ The FY2023 proposed budget is coming together, waiting on a couple departments for the remaining pieces and the Borough manager is reviewing department budgets as they come in.

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2022-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ADJUSTING
THE FY 2022 BUDGET FOR KNOWN CHANGES**

Section 1. Classification: This ordinance is not of a permanent nature and shall not be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to adjust the FY 2022 budget for known changes.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions: In accordance with Section 11.09(a) of the Charter of the Petersburg Borough, the budget for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 is adjusted as follows:

Explanation: Necessary revisions in the FY 2022 budget identified after adoption of the Budget.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>
FISCAL YEAR 2022 REVENUE / EXPENSE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS		
Electric Department – Fund 755 – 399 Cat Inframe Overhaul		
755.000.501450	Contractor/Construction	\$35,000.
410.000.501410	Electric fund – Transfer Out	(\$35,000)
The award to NC Machinery at the Assembly Meeting on February 22, 2022 was greater then budgeted for within the Capital Project Fund. Transferring \$35,000 from the Electric Fund to the Capital Project Fund will remedy this.		
Harbor Department & Motor Pool		
450.000.506XXX	#113 Flatbed / Plow Truck – Harbor Contribution	\$60,000.
510.000.507019	#113 Flatbed / Plow Truck – Motor Pool Contribution	\$10,000.
Motor Pool will be recommending this replacement in the FY23 Budget however the Harbor would like to get an early start on the replacement due to serious deterioration of the existing unit.		
DCRA Local Government Lost Revenue		
287.000.402270	Grant Revenue	\$1,430,892.
287.000.501XXX	Petersburg Medical Center	(\$825,388)
287.000.501XXX	Borough Enterprise Funds	(\$136,216)
287.000.501XXX	Borough General Fund	(\$469,288)
Based on Resolution #2022-02 which was approved at the March 7, 2022 Assembly Meeting.		

Parks and Recreation		
110.574.501410	Rooftop Snow Removal	\$15,958.
110.574.501340	Snow Blower Purchase	\$3,452.
110.574.501470	Electric Charges Forecasted for April and May	\$16,274.
Unexpected rooftop snow removal resulted in hiring additional temporary help and the purchase of a snow blower. Due to the delay in Electrical repairs P&R will see two more months of higher electrical charges.		

Section 4. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person and circumstance shall not be affected.

Section 5. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective immediately after the date of its passage.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 18th day of April, 2022.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
 Published:
 Effective:

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2022-05**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NO. 303 AND SENATE BILL NO. 180 OF THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, BOTH BILLS ENTITLED “AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE; RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL FEES; ESTABLISHING THE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUND; REPEALING THE AUTHORITY FOR CITIZENS’ SUITS RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE; REPEALING THE COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL RECOGNITION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE”

WHEREAS, the quality of the ocean waters within the Inside Passage of Southeast Alaska is vitally important to all aspects of life for residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, the clean, healthy waters of Southeast Alaska are abundant with a remarkable variety of sea life which can only occur when water quality remains very high; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska waters support a robust population of commercially valuable fish that are the backbone of the economy in the region and provide for resident subsistence harvest; and

WHEREAS, the seafood commercially harvested from Southeast Alaska and shipped to markets both in the United States and beyond is known for its exceptional quality; and

WHEREAS, many tourists choose to visit Alaska to see and experience the pristine beauty of its waters and landscape; and

WHEREAS, the number and size of cruise ships plying the waters of Southeast Alaska has considerably increased over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, with the increased cruise traffic, large volumes of wastewater discharge are now being observed in Southeast Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has for many years operated a very successful Ocean Rangers program which provides on-board monitoring and inspection of wastewater discharge; and

WHEREAS, the funding for and emphasis on monitoring for wastewater discharge from large passenger vessels has been dramatically reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Administration of the State of Alaska now proposes a new Act (HB 303 & SB 180) relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance; relating to commercial passenger vessel fees; establishing the wastewater infrastructure grant fund; repealing the authority for citizens’ suits relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance; repealing the commercial passenger vessel recognition program; and providing for an effective date; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation places emphasis for compliance on electronic monitoring, self-reporting and data submission; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation provides for Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) “inspectors” to board commercial passenger vessels and perform inspections

and sampling to verify vessel discharge information without providing the source of funds to pay for the newly hired inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation is mute in regard to penalties for non-compliance which is an important deterrent to illegal discharges in Alaskan waters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation removes the rights of citizens to bring suit against an owner or operator of a large passenger vessel alleged to have violated any provision of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program, or against the ADEC for failure to perform any act or duty outlined in the legislation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation provides a mechanism for funding improvements to municipalities' wastewater treatment systems, but the cost and need of such improvements across the state far exceeds the revenue that would be collected through the legislation, with any additional funding requiring direct appropriation from the legislature each year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly opposes HB 303 and SB 180, and believes the proposed legislation will not result in improved compliance from commercial passenger vessels in the discharge of wastes into the inside waters of Southeast Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly supports full funding and continuation of the Ocean Rangers program (Section 46.03.476 of the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program) until such time as comprehensive legislation can be drafted that improves upon the quality and compliance of the existing program. To protect Southeast Alaska waters, the new legislation must contain provisions for:

- Penalties for noncompliance;
- Adequate funding mechanisms to improve municipalities' wastewater treatment/discharge systems which are impacted by the cruise industry;
- Continuation of a robust commercial passenger vessel waste discharge inspection program;
- Development of a public reporting system to allow Alaskans a clear and direct method of reporting illegal spills to the ADEC and a defined process for State response and investigation of reported spills;
- The ability of citizens to file suit for violations of the environmental compliance program; and
- A public notification program of inspection, testing and results.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly this 4th day of April, 2022.

Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2022-06**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TASK
FORCE**

WHEREAS, a Petersburg Childcare Needs Survey conducted by the SHARE Coalition in 2021 shows alarming results regarding the ability to adequately staff local childcare/preschool facilities with an 81% childcare educator turnover rate over the past 2 years; and

WHEREAS, rate of pay, work environment and the lack of benefits are the top 3 reasons for childcare educators leaving employment with local childcare/preschool facilities; and

WHEREAS, the average wage of local childcare/preschool educators is \$12.72 per hour while a starting wage for a paraprofessional aide with the school district is 22% higher, and a starting wage for a certified teacher with the school district is nearly double the childcare/preschool educator wage – and the school district positions come with insurance and retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, the survey results show that 30% of local childcare educators rely on State or Federal assistance programs to make ends meet for their families; 30% of local childcare educators have second jobs to supplement their salary; and 52% of local childcare educators obtain health insurance through Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, childcare/preschool is cost prohibitive for many Petersburg families with an average annual cost of \$15,706, nearly double the cost to attend the University of Alaska Southeast for one year; and

WHEREAS, the availability of vacant childcare/preschool spots is limited, resulting in some families having to wait 1-2 years to receive a spot in childcare/preschool or after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, low wages and the lack of benefits severely hinders attracting and retaining educators in the childcare industry, resulting in facilities operating under capacity due to staffing shortages, which equates to less childcare/preschool spot availability; and

WHEREAS, childcare/preschool cost and availability have a direct community and economic impact on Petersburg's workforce as a whole; and

WHEREAS, local childcare educators and other residents interested in this issue have requested financial support from the Assembly for quality improvement and education incentive programs and recently requested the Assembly establish an Early Childhood Education Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the suggested task force would include up to 15 appointed members from a mixture of the following groups or entities: childcare educators, Petersburg Borough, Petersburg School District, Petersburg Medical Center, Petersburg Economic Development Council, Chamber of Commerce, the SHARE Coalition, the Borough Assembly, retail employees, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the suggested task force would research possible solutions to the childcare/preschool industry issues, such as changes to State Statutes and funding for higher wages and/or benefits for childcare educators, and would submit a plan to the Assembly for consideration at a future meeting that could sustainably move the industry in a better direction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby establishes a short term, appointed, up to 15 member Early Childhood Education Task Force and is requesting letters of interest to fill the seats from the following groups or entities:

- Childcare Educators;
- Petersburg Borough;
- Petersburg School District;
- Petersburg Medical Center;
- Petersburg Economic Development Council;
- Chamber of Commerce;
- SHARE Coalition;
- Petersburg Borough Assembly
- Retail Employees
- Public at Large

PASSED and APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly this 4th day of April, 2022.

Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

PURCHASE REQUEST

TO: STEVE GIESBRECHT, BOROUGH MANAGER

FROM: KARL HAGERMAN, UTILITY DIRECTOR *KH*

SUBJECT: PMPL TRANSFORMERS

DATE: 3/30/2022

CC: DEBBIE THOMPSON, BOROUGH CLERK
SARAH O'BROCTA, OFFICE MANAGER
PROJECT FILE

PMPL normally places an order every year to replenish our inventory of pole mounted transformers after our stock is depleted due to failures and/or used for new customer services or upgrades. This year, we had been hearing of lead times for transformer delivery becoming very lengthy, so we proactively sought pricing so that we could stay ahead of our needs.

Below is a summary of the transformer vendors that were able to quote PMPL. Two other vendors that have provided equipment to PMPL in the past were not able to offer quotes due to the volatility of the current market.

General Pacific Quoted lead time: delivery in January of 2023

Qty	Size	Cost/each	Total Cost
5	10 KVA	\$1,341.00	\$6,705.00
10	15 KVA	\$1,517.00	\$15,170.00
10	25 KVA	\$1,896.00	\$18,960.00
5	50 KVA	\$2,663.00	\$13,315.00

Total Quote \$54,150.00

Anixter (WESCO) Quoted lead time: 100 weeks (delivery in February/March of 2024)

Qty	Size	Cost/each	Total Cost
5	10 KVA	\$2,415.00	\$12,075.00
10	15 KVA	\$2,710.00	\$27,100.00
10	25 KVA	\$3,080.00	\$30,800.00
5	50 KVA	\$4,700.00	\$23,500.00

Total Quote \$93,475.00

**Note: Shipping from Seattle WA to Petersburg is not included in either of the quotes and is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.

Notes: Due to the volatility of the market and extreme strain on the transformer manufacturing and supply chain, General Pacific is providing "production slots" to prospective buyers. The current quote allows for delivery in January of 2023, however if PMPL does not respond with a signed PO by April 4th, our production slots will be forfeited and given to another buyer. It is unknown when we would be able to secure future slots in the production sequence. It is very important that we move forward with this Purchase Order authorization by April 4th in order to secure our production schedule and not risk running out of transformers in the future.

PMPL is seeking approval of a Purchase Order to General Pacific in the amount of \$59,150.00 to purchase the transformers as quoted and have them shipped to Petersburg. Payment will be in FY23.

The extremely long lead times will be a challenge for budgeting and approvals of future orders of many different supplies. It is hoped that Borough Administration and Assembly can be somewhat flexible in approvals of such long lead time items for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Thompson

From: rdparks@gci.net
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:32 AM
To: Assembly
Cc: madonna.parks@yahoo.com
Subject: RD Parks letter of resignation from the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Fellow Fire Department Members,

I regret to inform you that I am resigning my position with the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department effective immediately. The current situation that Madonna and I are in makes it necessary for me to take this action.

I have been a member of the Search and Rescue branch of the Fire Department for 18 years and an officer for over half of that time. I joined this organization to help the Borough of Petersburg. I feel strongly that this is what responsible people in small communities do and what makes these communities a great place to live.

It's the same reason Madonna and I have coached Little League teams, umpired games, worked as swim meet officials, volunteered at the school and daycares, served on various boards around town, mentored high school students, traveled as chaperones, lead a Girl Scout troop, housed visiting athletes, provided long term housing for foreign students, played Santa Claus for various groups, volunteered at Covid vaccination clinics...

As a member of the SAR team, I have devoted countless hours to this community. I have searched for missing hunters, hikers, tourists, and plane crash victims. I have done it in all kinds of weather, seasons, and times of day. I have experienced the satisfaction of finding and rescuing victims. I have also endured the heartbreak of failing to find victims of a plane crash and the abject sadness of bringing home a drowning victim to his loved ones. I willingly gave this organization everything I had, every time I was called out.

Our daughter Molly Parks was killed on July 4, 2016, in a Petersburg Borough van, while working for the same Borough that I devoted so much time and energy to. The Fire Department did an exemplary job on probably one of the worst days of your careers. Madonna and I will be forever grateful for your service that day. From that day forward every Fire Department member, from Department Head Sandy Dixson to the newest volunteer, has done everything they could for Madonna and I.

The Fire Department has had our back every step of the way and I am proud to have been a member of this excellent organization.

While the Fire Department has our backs the upper management of the Borough of Petersburg clearly does not. Because of this adversarial situation, I can no longer continue to be a volunteer for the Borough of Petersburg.

I have the greatest regard for all of you. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the Petersburg Fire Department.

Sincerely,
R.D. Parks
Lt. SAR

Debra Thompson

From: Will Ware <warehouse95@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:43 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: SEARHC

Good afternoon,

I've listened to the last Borough Assembly meeting and felt I should clear up any confusion that may surround SEARHC's presentation or discussion next week. I wish I would be in town at this meeting, but due to the nature of my work, I will be travelling.

I want to remind the Assembly that SEARHC never announced, or had any plans in place to acquire the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC). Rather, when PMC announced that they were in the planning stage of what was then upwards of a \$100 million dollar facility, a grass roots effort was started by locals for a discussion to ensue with SEARHC. Some may say this was never the number but in my own personal conversation with Phil at the PMC, he confirmed he wished he got ahead of those preliminary numbers being released.

I don't want our Assembly to believe that there is a presentation that SEARHC should provide, since they were initially asked to come and present what they have done in other communities such as Wrangell, Sitka and now what they have planned for Skagway. SEARHC never intended on acquiring Petersburg. For that matter, I can tell you that PMC has rejected partnerships or any affiliations with SEARHC for decades, other than to contract to provide health care to our Native population here in Petersburg. Now, and only now, has PMC agreed to even meet with SEARHC and explore potential opportunities.

But let's be clear and genuine...SEARHC is not here to do a presentation on acquiring PMC. They are here to speak to what they've done in other communities. Why is this important? Because I'm hearing grumblings that SEARHC is not willing to do Power Points, formal presentations, and be rather secretive. Such claims are disingenuous.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to respond.

Will

Debra Thompson

From: rickgbraun@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 1:00 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Platting Authority

Greetings

On February 4, 2013, the Borough Assembly passed Borough Resolution No. 2013-4 authorizing the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to act as the Platting Authority for the Petersburg Borough until regulations and procedures are adopted by the Petersburg Borough to exercise platting authority. It's been 9 years since the borough was formed. The assembly needs to do it's job and pass an ordinance which will allow the Petersburg Planning and Zoning to act as the Platting authority for Area 2.

The Planning and Zoning has prepared an ordinance with zoning regulations and platting procedures which will accomplish this. There has been considerable push back from the residents in Area 2 on zoning, every time this ordinance has been up for consideration, and the assembly has backed down and put off doing the hard work here. My request is that the assembly consider only the portions of the ordinance that will transfer Platting Authority from the state to the borough.

At present, the ADNR Platting Authority for the Unorganized Borough reviews subdivisions and easement vacations for Area 2. This is an expensive and time-consuming process for the residents of this area. In addition to the technical surveying standards, ADNR has only two requirements for subdivision approval applications; the property owner must have a certificate to plat (title search) and there must be legal public access to all lots within the subdivision. My request is that the assembly consider making the plat approval requirements be very basic. These can always be amended in the future as necessary. Thank you for your consideration of this matter
Rick Braun

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Debra Thompson

From: Lina <lina.kotsoeva@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:50 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Childcare

Hello,

I am writing in regard to the discussion about requiring child care and child education providers to have a certain level of education. I support this idea but I think funding should be provided or in place for teachers and childcare workers to take advantage of, especially if they cannot afford to further their education. I have lived in Petersburg for almost 3 years and have a child that attends Good Beginnings. I have nothing but good things to say about Ms. Becca and would hate for someone like her to be pushed out because people like her cannot afford to obtain certain educational credentials. Petersburg needs to expand school and childcare options, not shrink them or deter people from continuing to work with kids.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Lina Kotsoeva

Sent from my iPhone

Debra Thompson

From: Brian Smith <brmsmith6@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Support for Childcare Support

Hello Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing in both general and specific support of the recent efforts to push toward Borough support of childcare in town. We have two children in childcare age, and childcare is such an incredibly important yet undervalued piece of our society. I think providing Borough support of our local childcare facilities and staff is a great idea and starting point for shifting to value this resource more.

I wasn't able to attend the March 23 work session, but I heard there was a specific proposal about a training incentive package. I think the Borough should support this proposal, and I hope the Borough can continue to find ways to be supportive of our childcare facilities and staff.

I know some assembly members may have reservations, either because they want childcare support to come from a higher level of government, or perhaps because they are not on board at all with public support of childcare. I would like to point out the absurdity of our childcare situation in America: we fully support public education and place huge value and financial support of our children once they hit 5 years old. But before children hit kindergarten, families are totally on their own. I know some people believe that one parent should simply stay at home with children under 5, but even if a family did want to do that these days, it's become significantly less economically feasible to do so compared to a generation ago - housing costs alone have just outpaced wage growth so significantly that most families can't afford a decent place to live on one income. Families with young children have the highest housing cost burden - they don't have the luxury and stability of having purchased a home 10-20 years ago before housing costs ballooned to their current levels.

Please do what you can to support our local childcare providers.

Thank you,
Brian Smith

Debra Thompson

From: Jamie Lynn <jamielynn2004@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:49 PM
To: Assembly
Subject: Task Force

Dear Borough Assembly:

I support a, "Task Force," being established to address the needs of early childcare. They are an important role in our child's life and have a huge impact on her development. I have seen this with our daughter going to Good Beginnings Preschool, and Kinderskog. The teachers involvement with our child has been shown by her readiness and comfort level going into Kindergarten this last year. Kinderskog is a wonderful program that has taught our daughter so much about the outdoors and has increased her resilience to the environment. An example is how happy she is to go outdoors no matter the weather. Supporting this, "Task Force," can only bring better education to our community.

Teachers appreciation week is in early May. Let's show our appreciation by approving the, "Task Force."

Thank you,

Jamie Lynn-Burke



Humanity In Progress
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Petersburg, AK 99833

*Received
March 30, 2022*

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you in the hopes of discussing the possibility of the Petersburg Borough donating a years worth of garbage service to our non profit, Humanity In Progress. As a non-profit here in Petersburg geared towards providing necessary basic needs services to our community, we rely on volunteers and donations to help meet the needs of those struggling in our community. With the donations that come in, we are able to provide those in Petersburg who are in need with basic necessities that they have struggled to obtain elsewhere and to help keep individuals housed or get them into housing. After our space was flooded we unfortunately lost hundreds of dollars in donations we are working to replace that we were not able to have reimbursed through insurance due to the nature of how we acquired them, but as a non-profit the majority of what is in our space is donated.

We want to continue to support and provide basic supplies and housing support for our community, but we really do need help. A garbage can at our space is greatly needed and it would help us a lot to not have to add a monthly cost for garbage to our growing list of expenses, as our focus is to use these funds to put towards food and shelter for a growing number of people within our community. By donating a garbage can, you can help ensure that we are able to get the supplies we need to those individuals experiencing housing insecurity and who are struggling to meet their basic needs. With that being said, we would immensely appreciate if you would consider donating a garbage services to Humanity In Progress for the next year and help us continue to better our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration, if you have any follow up questions please feel free to contact our board chair Ashley Kawashima at (907)518-1195 or email our board directly at board@psghumanity.org

Sincerely,

The Humanity In Progress Board

Debra Thompson

From: Ronn and Tina Buschmann <buschmann@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Assembly; Liz Cabrera
Subject: Accessory Dwelling Units

Dear Assembly Members,

I have noticed an increasing concern in the community with the lack of local housing. Housing was addressed at the last Assembly meeting by member Tremblay and others. There appear to be a lack of solutions at this point. The new apartments on E Street will help but barely ease present conditions.

I would like to bring up the solution offered by allowing Accessory Dwelling units. These are a change in zoning restrictions to allow a second housing unit on a single family lot subject to certain restrictions for lot coverage, allowable square footage as a percentage of the main structure square footage, setbacks, etc. Many communities are allowing ADUs as a partial solution to the high cost of lots and new development infrastructure. Some communities have even designed and made plans available for model ADUs and minihomes that meet local codes to facilitate building permitting and inspection.

Another advantage is that ADUs allow private individuals to build additional housing for family members or rental with no cost to the rest of the community.

I believe language describing and allowing ADUs has been included in the Comprehensive Plan update that was basically shelved a couple of years ago due to objections; but I don't think there were any objections to ADUs. The advantage here is that the subject has already been considered by Planning and Zoning and interested members of the community.

My hope is that the Assembly will pull the ADU section out of the Comprehensive Plan and consider it as a separate document.

Respectfully, Ronn Buschmann

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