



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, November 03, 2025

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!
When: November 3, 2025 12:00 PM Alaska
Topic: 11.3.2025 Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Appointment to Vacant Assembly Seat**

A. **Selection of Candidate to Fill Assembly Vacancy**

Following Petersburg Borough Code 3.04.050, the clerk advertised the vacant assembly seat following Assembly Member Bob Lynn's election to the office of Mayor. Six individuals submitted letters of interest to fill the vacancy. These letters are included in the meeting packet for review.

Raleigh Cook
Tina Kerr
Donna Marsh
Scott Newman
Marc Taylor
Tony Vinson

The appointment requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the incumbent assembly members. The appointee's term begins immediately upon taking the oath of office and continues until October 2026.

3. **Oath of Office**

The newly appointed assembly member will take the oath of office.

4. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025

6. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

7. Public Hearings

8. Bid Awards

A. Banana Point Breakwater Improvements - Intent to Award

Public Works Director Marohl requests approval to award the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement Project to Western Dock & Bridge of Ketchikan in an amount not to exceed \$978,000. A memo from Director Marohl with the bidder information for the September 26, 2025 bid opening is attached to the meeting packet.

9. 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.

10. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

11. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

12. Consent Agenda

13. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center

PMC CEO Hofstetter will update the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

B. US Forest Service

District Ranger Case will provide an update on Forest Service activities.

C. Petersburg School District

Petersburg School Superintendent Taylor will provide a report on school district activities.

14. Mayor's Report

A. November 3, 2025 Mayor's Report

15. Manager's Report

A. November 3, 2025 Manager's Report

16. Unfinished Business

17. New Business

- 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.) First Reading

If adopted in three readings, Ordinance #2025-14 will rezone the above parcels in connection with the sale of Government Lot 21 to Skylark Park LLC under Resolution 2025-20. The rezoning of Government Lot 21 is to allow for the planned development. The rezoning of Lot 4 and Government Lot 13 is to create open, recreational space adjacent to the planned development.
The condition precedent to the rezone of Government Lot 21 is the completion of the sale to Skylark Park LLC; if the sale is not timely completed, Government Lot 21 would maintain its current zoning.

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

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 \$61,000 for engineering expenses in the Wastewater Fund not-to-exceed \$61,000 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.

C. Election of Vice Mayor

Charter Section 2.05B provides that no later than the first regular meeting of the assembly in November each year, the assembly shall elect from its membership a Vice Mayor.

D. Assembly Member Appointments to Boards

Mayor Lynn, with Assembly approval, will appoint Assembly Members as representatives or liaisons to the following organizations and advisory boards: Southeast Conference, Alaska Municipal League, Harbors and Ports Advisory Board, Hospital Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee. The 2024/2025 Assembly Appointment List is attached for reference.

E. Appointment of Assembly Parliamentarian

In accordance with Petersburg Borough Code 3.08.130, the borough assembly may appoint one of its members to serve as parliamentarian. The parliamentarian will be responsible for ruling on issues of parliamentary practice during assembly proceedings.

F. Letters of Interest for Board Appointments

The Assembly has received letters of interest from community members expressing their willingness to serve on various boards. These letters are presented for Assembly review and consideration for appointment.

Harbor & Ports Advisory Board - Andy Kittams

Public Safety Advisory Board - John Lichtenberger

Planning Commission - Ralieggh Cook & Mika Cline

G. Utility Director Hire

Manager Giesbrecht and Utility Director Hagerman request approval to hire Stephan Harbour for the position of Utility Director beginning December 30, 2025 at an annual salary of \$160,000. Director Hagerman will be retiring in July of 2026.

H. Request for Work Session - Tidal Network Presentation

Assembly Member Meucci requests that the Assembly schedule a work session open to the public to hear a presentation from Tidal Network regarding the proposed communications towers in Petersburg.

This session would provide an opportunity for both the Assembly and the community to learn more about the project and ask questions.

18. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since October 16, 2025

19. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

B. Recognitions

20. Adjourn

RALIEGH COOK

Petersburg, Alaska 99833 ♦ 9076507276 ♦ joatmonenterprises@gmail.com

October 21, 2025

Petersburg Borough

RE: Assembly seat

Mayor/Assembly Members

I am writing to express my interest in the Assembly Member position with Petersburg Borough. As a self-employed business owner, I have developed a strong foundation in critical thinking, innovation, and problem-solving—skills that I believe align well with the responsibilities of this role.

My investigative working style has equipped me with the ability to analyze complex situations and devise creative solutions. In managing my own business, I consistently seek out fresh ideas that not only address immediate challenges but also contributed to long-term growth and sustainability. This experience has instilled in me a deep understanding of how innovative approaches can facilitate progress within a community.

I am particularly drawn to the opportunity at Petersburg Borough because of its commitment to fostering future growth and prosperity. I envision myself collaborating with fellow assembly members to present unique perspectives that encourage dynamic discussions and effective decision-making processes.

I am excited about the possibility of contributing my insights and innovative ideas to assist the borough assembly in conducting its essential business. Thank you for considering my application; I look forward to the opportunity for further discussion.

Sincerely,
Raliegh Cook



Tina Kerr

610 Sandy Beach Rd

Petersburg, Alaska

October 9, 2025

Petersburg Borough Assembly

P.O. Box 329

Petersburg, AK 99833

Re: Letter of Interest — Open Assembly Member Seat

Dear Mayor and Assembly Members,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Petersburg Borough Assembly. Since moving here with my husband and two sons in 2013, Petersburg has become our home and the heart of our family. Over the years I have grown deeply connected to this community, both through raising my children here and through my work at the Petersburg Indian Association, where I have the privilege of working closely with local residents every day.

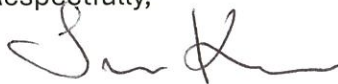
If appointed, I will bring a commitment to listening, fairness, and collaboration. Petersburg is facing important challenges that affect us all, including the need to secure stable funding for our schools and the ongoing housing shortage that impacts families, workers, and local businesses. These issues require balanced and thoughtful leadership, and I am prepared to contribute that to the Assembly's work.

I fully support all Petersburg Borough employees and understand the dedication it takes to serve in local government, and I will always advocate for those who work hard to keep our community running safely and effectively.

It would be an honor to serve the people of Petersburg on the Borough Assembly. I am committed to making decisions that reflect our shared values and that strengthen our community for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tina Kerr', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tina Kerr

Donna Marsh
PO Box 1421
Petersburg, AK 99833

15 October 2025

Dear Mayor Lynn and Petersburg Borough Assembly:

I am writing to express my interest in being selected for the open seat left by now-Mayor Lynn on the Petersburg Borough Assembly.

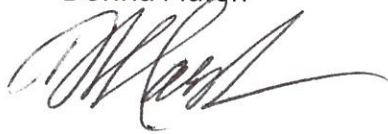
Having served during the past three years as an assembly member, serving 2 3-year terms on the local school board (1998-2004), and a stint on the Parks and Recreation advisory board (around 2013), I am committed to community service in many capacities. In addition, I have worked as a volunteer in my local church congregation, the Boy Scouts of America (20 years) and Viking Swim Club (for 25 years), working to serve the residents of Petersburg, and contributing to this unique and wonderful place. This background, and my continued desire to serve, qualify me for this open seat.

Current issues facing this town are abundant. Among the top few are housing needs, attracting and keeping young people here, and the increasing costs of both living and governance. While I don't have all the answers, I am confident that many answers lie among our very community members who also care deeply for Petersburg. It is critical to study the issues and talk to people to gather their ideas and possible solutions.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Marsh

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Marsh', written in a cursive style.

Scott Newman
PO Box 1348
Petersburg, Alaska 99833
(907) 723-1053

Petersburg Borough Assembly
P.O. Box 329
Petersburg, AK 99833

Re: Letter of Interest – Borough Assembly Seat

Dear Members of the Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I would like to express my interest in being considered for the open Assembly seat. Although I was not successful in my recent campaign for Mayor, I remain deeply committed to serving our community and continuing to contribute to the good work already being done by the Assembly.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the Assembly, staff, and many members of the public on a variety of issues that affect Petersburg. I value the collaboration, thoughtful discussion, and respect that characterize our local government, and I believe I could bring a constructive, balanced voice to the table.

My motivation for seeking this seat is simple: I care deeply about this community and want to continue contributing to its long-term health, growth, and sustainability. I would be honored to serve and to help carry forward the shared goals that make Petersburg such a strong and vibrant place to live.

Thank you for your consideration.

With appreciation,

Scott Newman

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly,

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in joining the Petersburg Borough Assembly. After first visiting Petersburg in 2021 for work with what was then Trident Seafoods, I moved my family here in 2022. We quickly fell in love with the island and the community, and I am proud to now call Petersburg home.

I am deeply passionate about coastal Alaska and committed to protecting its unique character and resources as global and domestic economies continue to evolve. Petersburg has thrived since its founding in 1910, thanks to the strength and vision of its residents. I believe the core of our community is exceptional and does not require drastic change. However, as the fishing and tourism industries shift, it is vital that we support both sectors and ensure they grow in harmony with other coastal communities.

Our harbor is a lifeline—for people, for commerce, and for culture. The Borough has a responsibility to nurture and invest in everything that flows through it. My goal is to help preserve what makes Petersburg special while thoughtfully planning for future generations.

Thank you for considering my letter. I would be honored to serve and contribute to the continued success of our community.

Warm regards,

Marc Taylor

208-697-4866

mtaylor@tridentseafoods.com

Re: Letter of Intent – Borough Assembly Vacancy

Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant seat on the Petersburg Borough Assembly. As someone who recently ran for this position, I remain committed to serving our community and believe I can bring a valuable and grounded perspective to the table.

I currently serve as Commander of American Legion Post 14, proudly representing our local veterans, who deserve to have a voice in our borough's leadership. I also have strong ties to many areas of life in Petersburg: my son is a commercial fisherman, my wife and I both work at the hospital, and our youngest son graduated from Petersburg High School. Through these connections, I understand the importance of healthcare, education, working families, and our local economy.

As a homeowner and someone who fishes, hunts, shrimp, and crabs locally, I also recognize the value of our natural resources and the need to manage them responsibly.

I would be honored to serve our borough and respectfully ask for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tony Vinson



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

PRESENT

Mayor Bob Lynn

Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

Assembly Member James Valentine

Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

Assembly Member Bob Martin

2. Oath of Office

Newly elected Assembly Members Bob Martin and Jeff Meucci both took the Oath of Office.

3. Recognition of Mayor Jensen's Service

- A. In recognition of outgoing Mayor Jensen's dedicated years of service to the community of Petersburg, a commemorative plaque was presented by Mayor Lynn to honor his leadership and contributions.

4. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2025

The minutes of the October 6, 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

B. Special Assembly Certification Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2025

The minutes of the October 10, 2025 election certification meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

6. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, 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

7. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing - Skylark Park

Donald Sperl, representing himself, spoke in favor of both the Skylark conveyance agreement and Dave Ohmer's application to purchase borough lots.

B. Public Hearing - Dave Ohmer Land Application

Mary Clemens, representing herself, requested that the assembly not approve Dave Ohmer's application to purchase two borough lots on Haugen Drive.

Chris Marsh, representing himself, spoke against Dave Ohmer's application to purchase two borough lots on Haugen Drive.

8. Bid Awards

A. Award Recommendation - Scow Bay 11KV Switch Gear Bid

The Assembly unanimously awarded the Scow Bay 11KV Switch Gear project to General Pacific for the price of \$195,595.00.

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

9. 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.

10. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

Mika Cline, representing herself, spoke about her concerns about the Tidal Network communications tower that would be installed near the Fire Department. She would like to have Tidal Network attend a 6:00 pm meeting for the community to ask questions and a work session with community members to express their concerns.

Judy Ohmer, representing herself, spoke against the Tidal Network proposed communications tower. She would also like to see a work session scheduled to discuss locations of towers. Judy provided a handout for assembly members.

Jackie Tyson, representing herself, spoke against the Tidal Network communications tower and provided a handout for assembly members.

11. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

12. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

13. Report of Other Officers

There were no reports.

14. Mayor's Report

A. October 20, 2025 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

15. Manager's Report

A. October 20, 2025 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht was not present at the meeting, a copy of his written report is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

16. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

17. New Business

A. Resolution #2025-20 A Resolution Approving the Sale of Borough Land to Skylark Park, LLC For a Public Benefit Purpose

An amendment extending the closing period from 45 to 60 days (page 9, paragraph 11) was adopted. The section will now read: *"If the Assembly timely adopts the rezoning ordinance, the closing of this transaction shall occur within 60 (sixty) days of the enactment of the ordinance, but no sooner than January 5, 2026, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties."*

Resolution #2025-20 was unanimously approved as amended by roll call vote.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, 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. Resolution #2025-21 A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Accepting \$78,000 in Funding from the Petersburg Indian Association, for Replacement Breakwater at Banana Point

By unanimous Roll Call vote, Resolution #2025-21, accepting \$78,000 from the Petersburg Indian Association for the Breakwater at Banana Point, was unanimously approved.

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

C. Dave Ohmer - Land Application

Dave Ohmer previously submitted an application to purchase Borough-owned Lots 5 and 6, Block 78, Southeast Addition. Assembly Member Stanton Gregor requested that the application be reconsidered.

Following discussion, the Assembly unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Mr. Ohmer's land application and authorized the Borough Manager to proceed with a direct negotiated sale.

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

D. Assistant Public Works Director Hire

By unanimous roll call vote the assembly approved Thomas Rummel for the position of Assistant Public Works Director beginning November 19, 2025 at an annual base salary of \$94,000.

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

E. Mountain View Manor Elderly Housing & Assisted Living Director Hire

By unanimous roll call vote the assembly approved Michelle Lopez for the position of Mountain View Manor Elderly Housing and Assisted Living Director beginning October 14, 2025 at an annual base salary of \$100,000.

18. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since October 2, 2025

19. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Member Meucci said he will add a discussion item to the November 3rd meeting agenda to consider a potential work session regarding the communications towers that are being proposed for Mitkof Island.

Mayor Lynn asked the clerk to explain the process for making an appointment to the vacant assembly seat. The clerk explained that letters of interest will be on the agenda of the November 3rd meeting for the assembly's consideration.

B. Recognitions

Member Stanton Gregor expressed appreciation for Mayor Jensen's years of service and said he learned a lot from him.

Member Schwartz expressed his respect for Mayor Jensen's service to the community and noted that he gained valuable insights from observing him while commercial fishing.

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Memorandum

To: MAYOR LYNN AND BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

From: AARON MAROHL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Date: 10/29/2025

CC: STEVE GIESBRECHT, BOROUGH MANAGER

Public Works issued an Invitation to Bid for the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement Project on September 3, 2025.

On September 26, 2025, the Petersburg Borough received and opened all bids which met the submission deadline. Bids from two companies were received with the summary of the bid opening below.

Bidder	Bidder's Location	Bid Amount
Western Dock & Bridge	Ketchikan, Alaska	\$978,000.00
Rock-n-Road Construction	Petersburg, Alaska	\$998,000.00

After a review of the submitted bids in comparison to the bid specifications, Western Dock & Bridge was found to be the lowest, responsive bidder and is recommended for this award.

Suggested Assembly Motion: I move to award the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement Project to Western Dock & Bridge for the price of \$978,000.

Funding for this project is available in Capital Project Fund 761.

Thank you for your consideration.

Public Works Department

PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833 – Phone (907) 772-4430 Fax (907) 772-4102

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Petersburg
MEDICAL CENTER

PMC CEO Report to Borough Assembly November 2025

Mission Statement: Excellence in healthcare services and the promotion of wellness in our community.

Guiding Values: Dignity, Integrity, Professionalism, Teamwork, and Quality

Workforce Wellness: *Goal: To create a supportive work environment and promote the physical and mental well-being of hospital staff to improve retention and overall productivity.*

- **October 1:** Provider Lunch
- **October 2:** Annual Manager Work Session



- **October 6:** Emergency Preparedness Meeting for WERC building
- **October 6:** National Physician Assistant Day- PMC recognizes Physician Assistant, Erik Hulebak, and the vital role he plays in patient care.
- **October 8:** Medstaff meeting
- **October 9:** Risk Assessment and Planning for Youth Programs
- **October 16:** Coffee with Phil- offers all employees the opportunity to connect directly with leadership in an open informal setting.
- **October 17:** Manager Meeting
- **October 24:** Environmental Care Rounds
- **Ongoing:** Employee Meals
- **Upcoming Nov 4:** Employee Forum (two sessions)
- **Upcoming Nov 5:** Joint Conference Committee Meeting

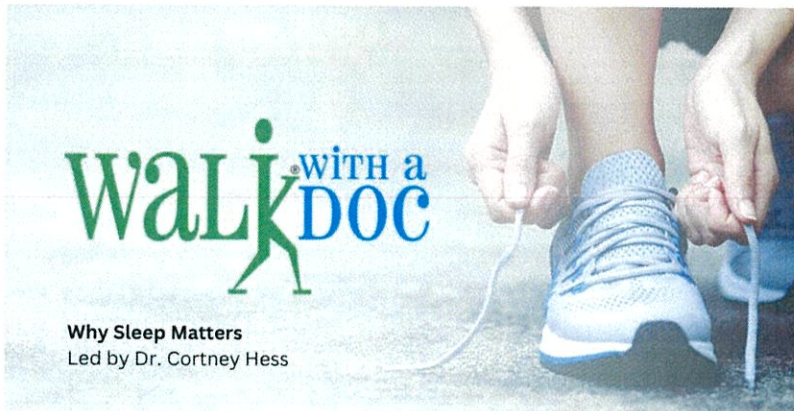
Community Engagement: *Goal: To strengthen the hospital's relationship with the local community and promote health and wellness within the community.*

- **October 3:** Kinderskog annual trip to LeConte Glacier, thank you to Zach Taylor and Muddy Waters for transportation.

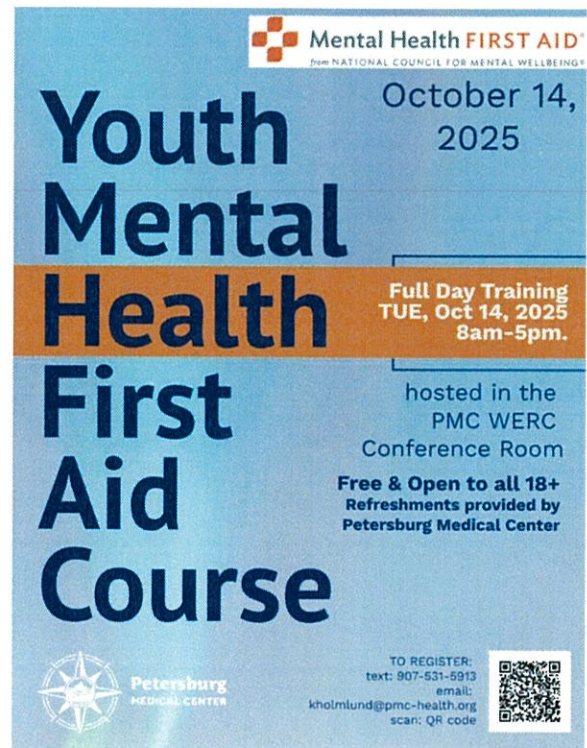


- **October 6:** Submitted written report and attended/reported out at Borough Noon Assembly Meeting.

- **October 11:** Walk with a Doc



SATURDAY OCT 11TH
9:00-10:00AM
SANDY BEACH TRAILHEAD



- **October 14:** Youth Mental Health First Aid Course/Training
- **October 14:** [Quarterly Newsletter](#) available on PMC website highlighting last three months.
- **October 30:** KFSK Live
- **October 30:** Hospital Board Meeting open to the public, and broadcast live on KFSK
- **Ongoing:** Kinderskog Programs
- **Ongoing:** Bingocize and Tai Ji Quan, part of fall prevention program. PMC will be introducing a new Tai Ji program in addition to the remote program. The addition will be an in-person 8week course, that will be repeated throughout the year.
- **Ongoing:** CNA assistance program continues five-week course. This is a local opportunity to begin a healthcare career.

TAI CHI
for **Arthritis** and **Fall Prevention**

Evidence-based program that uses slow movements, deep breathing and focused intention to build strength, improve posture and joint function, reduce pain and lower fall risk.

Class Schedule:
Tue/Thur | 10-11 AM
Mitkof Dance Troupe Studio

For More Information: bturland@pmc-health.org | 907-772-5580

Patient Centered Care: Goal: To provide high-quality, patient-centered care, and promote wellness for patients.

- Joy Janssen Clinic Access to Primary Care: We remain fully staffed with 4 Physicians and 2 mid-level practitioners.
- We are actively looking for a provider to fill Dr. Morgan's position as he is leaving Petersburg next month. We have two locum providers set to assist through fall and winter months.
- Clinic is open and available M-F 8AM-5PM, and Saturday 8AM-12, 1PM-4:30PM.
 - Same day appointments for urgent or acute care are readily available.
 - Next available appointment with primary care provider averages 6 business day wait time
 - Third available appointment with primary care currently averages 9 business days.
 - Flu shots available at clinic, call for appointment.

Total Encounters

[Options ▾](#)

Patient Visits

1,478

Encounters
September 2025

153 (11.5%)

Change from
August 2025

1,281

Monthly Average
Past 25 Months

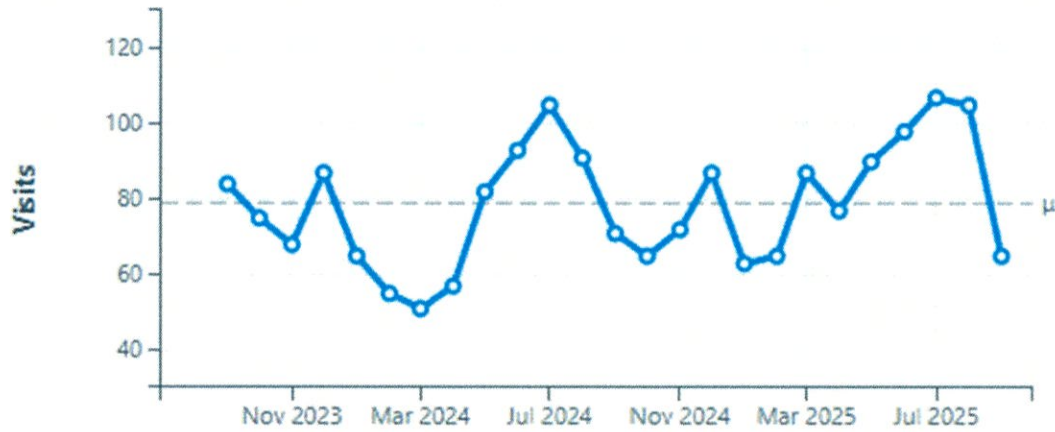
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ED Visits

Options ▾

Hospital Operations

65Visits
September 2025**-40 (38.1%)**Change from
August 2025**79**Monthly Average
Past 25 Months**Inpatient Days**

Options ▾

Hospital Operations

77.00Days
September 2025**-14.00 (15.4%)**Change from
August 2025**104.28**Monthly Average
Past 25 Months

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☒ Inpatient Days



- Audiologist, Phil Hofstetter, continues to see patients in Specialty Clinic.
- Psychiatry services are ongoing via telehealth with Dr. Sonkiss.
- Integrative Medicine with Dr. Hyer offered via telehealth
- Optometry Clinic: Dr. Kamey Kapp saw patients in the Specialty Clinic September 29th through Oct 7th.
- Scopes Clinic: provider contracts have been signed to reestablish scope clinic services in Petersburg, and planning is underway to determine scheduling and operational details to resume this essential service.

New Facility: *Goal: To expand the capacity and capabilities of the community borough-owned rural hospital through the construction of a new facility, while considering the needs and priorities of the local community.*

- Arcadis submitted a report with a detailed update on the new facility.
- Landscape work for WERC building nearing completion, trees were harvested and replanted from the far side during excavation and added to westside.
- Most of the furniture has arrived and has been installed, with a few items still pending.
- The MRI has been installed, and the magnet is fully operational. Staff are training, and planning is in progress to implement safeguards that will protect the MRI system and ensure continuity of patient services during potential power outages.
- We continue to be on track and on budget for the WERC building.

- Updates: Project updates are available on the PMC website under the “New Facility & Planning” tab.
- The official opening date is still projected for late fall. Work is underway to finalize procedures and troubleshoot technology in the conference rooms and computer lab to ensure a smooth launch and readiness for public use.
- PMC has submitted the additional information requested by the State. A follow-up discussion was held to clarify specific elements of the application. The State is currently reviewing the materials and will provide either a determination or a request for further detailed documentation..
- Street sign: 104 Wellness Drive
- Monument sign pending arrival and installation

Financial Wellness: *Goal: To achieve financial stability and sustainability for the hospital.*
FY25 Benchmarks for Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Gross A/R days to be less than 55, DNFB < then 5 days, and 90 Days Cash on Hand

- Accounts Receivables (AR) Update: This number was at 96 in March, down to 88 at the end of April, down to 78 mid-June, 76 for July, at 80 as of August 27th, at 76 as of September 15th, currently at 68 as of October 21st.

Submitted by: Phil Hofstetter, CEO

**Mayor's Report
For
November 3, 2025 Assembly Meeting**

- 1. Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community as Board Member to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) for calendar year 2026. The Borough Assembly will appoint one voting member and one alternate to the SEAPA Board.

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

- 2. Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Petersburg Borough is accepting letters of interest from citizens who wish to serve the community by filling one vacant seat on the School Board until the October 2026 Municipal Election:

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



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 November 2025**

- ❖ In October, the library hosted an art show, featuring 50 submitted pieces. The opening event drew more than 80 attendees. A portion of art sales will benefit the Petersburg Library Art Education Endowment.
- ❖ We are gearing up for the Pumpkin Plunge on Thursday.
- ❖ Youth Basketball season is wrapping up, and we are headed into All Stars phase with the Wrangell Youth Basketball team! HUGE thank you to all of our coaches that came forward to assist this year, and all those that took on other needed positions. PSG in WRG on Nov. 8th, WRG in PSG on Nov. 15th.
- ❖ Viking Swim Club will be hosting November Rain on the weekend of Nov 14th - 16th. Please check with Parks and Rec about Aquatic Center schedule for pools and sauna usage.
- ❖ Got our bid opened for Aquatic Sewer Repair - came in much higher than we have budgeted.
- ❖ THANK YOU to Public Works for the manlift which allowed us to get the Community Center building pressure washed!
- ❖ PMPL recently hired Frontier Trees to remove some problem trees in the community. The most recent was at 302 Haugen Drive and the process went very well.
- ❖ The generator pad was recently formed and poured for Scow Bay Generator #2. Now we wait for curing to achieve proper compressive strength before moving the generator into place. Thanks to Rainforest Contracting for the concrete work.
- ❖ PMPL received the Versa Tube temporary structure that the department will erect around Generator #2 for the winter. Some parts were incorrect but the supplier, Northern Enterprises, has addressed this and the correct parts are on their way at no additional cost.
- ❖ PMPL continues to work with Dawson Construction to finalize a contract for the design build aspects of the Scow Bay Generator project.
- ❖ Southeast Conference and Alaska Heat Smart have announced that the ACES (Accelerating Clean Energy Savings) program that offers substantial rebates for heat pump installations has received final approval from the EPA. PMPL will be posting program information on the Borough website and Facebook pages.
- ❖ PMPL has a new citizen work request form as part of the Borough's website. Go to PMPL's web page and fill out the "Report an Issue" form to bring any number of non-emergencies, electrical related issues to our attention. Please note that for emergency situations like power outages or downed power lines, please call PMPL at 907-772-4203 or the Police department at 907-772-3838.

- ❖ Petersburg Police Department participated in the PIA hosted Trick or Trunk. Officers handed out glow necklaces again during Halloween.
- ❖ The streets crew has begun winterizing fire hydrants and equipment for the winter months.
- ❖ Bear straps for garbage cans continue to be available at Public Works. These are available to Sanitation customers free, upon request.
- ❖ Two sample bear resistant refuse carts have been received and are being placed into service for testing and compatibility with our collection trucks.
- ❖ Streets crew are continuing the construction of a road and pad for two new disposal cells within the landfill. The first cell will be used for biosolid disposal, and the second cell will be used for demolition debris.
- ❖ Maintenance staff assisted a technician from Johnson Controls in repairs to the sprinkler system pump, the replacement of check valves at the Baler Facility and the replacement of a backflow preventer in the library's sprinkler system.
- ❖ Building Maintenance and Apex Refrigeration have found a way to isolate the broken heat pump at the municipal building to allow them to replace the condenser while maintaining heat to the building with the fully operational unit. This work is scheduled to begin soon.
- ❖ Last weekend we experienced a communication failure between the water plant and the control valve supplying water to the distribution system. We have temporarily re-established communication using radio frequency but expect a reliable fiber communication system to be completed next week.
- ❖ Staff continue to conduct a leak survey of our water distribution system as time allows.
- ❖ Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project: The control room addition is under construction and existing building modifications are ongoing. Siding has been received and is ready to install. Electrical engineer Mark Morris made a site visit this week for inspection and to consult with the electrical subcontractor.
- ❖ The new Wastewater Discharge Permit goes into effect on November 1st. Justin continues to update operational procedures to ensure the utility continues to exceed minimum testing requirements.
- ❖ PEDC and the Harbor hosted the community in discussions regarding the Scow Bay Work yard project.
- ❖ Staff and I continue to discuss the proposed ACL small cruise ship dock project.
- ❖ Reminder to boat owners harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal, and to call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance finalized work on the South Harbor fire line and replaced joints that had been leaking. The fire line is up and running.

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
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.)

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough owns three parcels of land described as follows:

Government Lot 21, Section 33, Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian, Petersburg Recording District, State of Alaska

Lot 4, Block A, Skylark II Subdivision, Plat #90-14, Petersburg Recording District, State of Alaska

Government Lot 13, Section 33, Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian, Petersburg Recording District, State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Government Lot 21 (PID #01-010-430) is currently zoned Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.); and

WHEREAS, Skylark Park, LLC owns an adjoining parcel, Government Lot 14, which was recently rezoned to permit certain higher density residential development; and

WHEREAS, Skylark Park, LLC filed an application to purchase Government Lot 21 to develop residential lots in conjunction with Government Lot 14, provided that Government Lot 21 is rezoned to permit such development; and

WHEREAS, if Government Lot 21 is rezoned, the applicant's stated intended use is to subdivide the parcel into 75' X 100' lots for placement of manufactured homes, a term not currently defined in the municipal code, thus requiring a rezone to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH) with conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed rezone of Government Lot 21 on October 10, 2023, and considered and reviewed applicant materials, public comments and testimony, and staff report; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation to rezone Government Lot 21 to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH) with conditions failed by a vote of 3-1 by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lot 4 (PID #01-010-243) is currently zoned Single-Family Residential (S-F), and Government Lot 13 (PID #01-010-412) is currently zoned Public Use (P-1); and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the rezoning of Government Lot 14 to permit residential development, the Planning Commission initiated a zoning change of Lot 4 and Government Lot 13, under PMC 19.84.020(B), to establish green belt buffers between an

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established neighborhood and the proposed higher-density residential development, noting that the greenbelt could also serve as a future playground for residents of both neighborhoods consistent with Chapter 7 of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed rezones on December 12, 2023, and considered public comments and testimony, and staff report; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend rezoning of both Lot 4 and Government Lot 13 to Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.); and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2025, the Assembly voted, by a vote of 6 - 0, to approve the sale of Government Lot 21 to Skylark Park, LLC, on the terms set out in a Conveyance and Improvement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the sale is contingent upon the rezoning of Government Lot 21 from Open Space - Recreational (O.S.R.) to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH);

WHEREAS, Chapter 19.84 of the Petersburg Municipal Code (Service Area 1) provides for zoning amendments whenever the public necessity, convenience or general welfare requires; and

WHEREAS, Borough Charter Section 3.01(K) and Section 1.12.010(G) of the Municipal Code require amendments to the official zoning map be enacted by ordinance.

THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. Classification. This Ordinance is of a general and permanent nature but will not be codified in the Municipal Code.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions.

A: Rezone.

The Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough, codified and referenced in Section 19.08.020 of the Municipal Code, is hereby amended for the following described property from Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.) to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH) with conditions as set out below:

Government Lot 21, Section 33, Township 58 South, Range 79 East,
Copper River Meridian, Petersburg Recording District, State of Alaska.

Conditions of Rezoning:

The principal permitted uses on Government Lot 21 are restricted to 1) one-family and two-family dwellings (as defined in PMC 19.04.210, and 19.04.240), and 2) newly constructed manufactured homes. Mobile homes that do not meet the definition of Newly Constructed Manufactured Homes, as set out herein, are a prohibited use.

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The definition of 'Newly Constructed Manufactured Homes' for purposes of this rezoning is as follows:

"Newly Constructed Manufactured homes" are transportable, factory-built dwelling units constructed by the manufacturer no more than 2 years prior to placement of the home onto the rezoned parcel, in conformance with the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, as evidenced by an affixed certification label in accordance with 24 CFR 3280.11.

B: Rezone.

The Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough, codified and referenced in Section 19.08.020 in the Municipal Code, is hereby amended for the following described property from Single Family Residential (S-F) to Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.):

Lot 4, Block A, Skylark II Subdivision, Plat #90-14, Petersburg Recording District, State of Alaska.

C: Rezone.

The Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough, codified and referenced in Section 19.08.020 in the Municipal Code, is hereby amended for the following described property from Public Use (P-1) to Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.):

Government Lot 13, Section 33, Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian, Petersburg Recording District, State of Alaska.

Section 4. Where Record to be Maintained. This non-Code ordinance, and the enactment of the zoning amendments referenced under Section 3 of this ordinance, shall be maintained with the zoning records of the Borough.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance will be effective immediately upon adoption, except that the rezoning set out in Section 3(A) herein for Government Lot 21 shall not be effective until immediately prior to the sale of Government Lot 21 by the Borough to Skylark Park, LLC. If that sale, conclusively demonstrated by the recording of the deed to Skylark Park, LLC, does not occur within 90 days of the date of this ordinance, the rezoning of Government Lot 21 shall not be implemented and Section 3(A) of this ordinance shall be deemed void and of no further force and effect.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Assembly of the Petersburg Borough, Alaska this 1st day of December, 2025.

Bob Lynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
Published:
Effective:

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2025-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ADJUSTING
THE FY 2026 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 2026 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is adjusted as follows:

Explanation: Necessary revisions in the FY 2026 budget identified after adoption of the Budget.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>FISCAL YEAR 2026 REVENUE / EXPENSE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS</u>				
Electric Capital Projects – Transfer of Funds				
745.000.501960	Auto Meter Reading Capital Project - Transfer Out	\$0	(\$15,901.75)	(\$15,901.75)
763.000.402240	Grid Resiliency Capital Project – Transfer In	\$122,000.	\$15,901.75	\$137,901.75
Transfer remaining Electric Auto Meter Reading Capital Project funds of \$15,901.75 to the Electric Grid Resiliency Project.				
Banana Point Breakwater Capital Project				
761.000.402261	Revenue from Petersburg Indian Association	\$0.	\$78,000.	\$78,000.
The Assembly approved Resolution #2025-21 to accept \$78,000 from PIA for the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement Project at the October 20th Assembly Meeting.				
Wastewater Outfall Repair				
430.000.501961	Outfall Pipe Engineering	\$0	\$61,000.	\$61,000.
Engineering cost not-to-exceed \$61,000 for time and materials to prepare bid ready documents for repairs to the outfall pipe in Frederick Sound.				
Wastewater Variable Frequency Drives				
430.000.506519	Replacement Variable Frequency Drives	\$23,200.	\$25,000.	\$48,200.
Purchase one replacement variable frequency drive that failed at pump station 5 and rebuild the failed VFDs to be used as backup for future breakdowns.				

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2025-15**

Electric – Downtown Street Lighting Project				
748.000.501440	Professional Services	\$0	\$6,200	\$6,200
748.000.501440	Advertising and Printing	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
748.000.506508	Street Lights	\$0	\$187,300	\$187,300
This project was put on hold for a few years as the department addressed other priorities. Expenses from this fund were not initially planned for FY26 but PMPL will be working on sourcing the new light poles in 2026, based on a Borough internal committee's input from a number of years ago, The Downtown Street Light capital project fund balance is currently \$195,000.				

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 1st day of December, 2025.

Bob Lynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
Published:
Effective:



Memorandum

To: MAYOR LYNN AND BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

From: AARON MAROHL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Date: 10/29/2025

CC: STEVE GIESBRECHT, BOROUGH MANAGER

The Wastewater Treatment Utility uses variable frequency drives (VFDs) at several of our lift stations to adjust the speed of the pumps and control flowrates to protect downstream processes. In recent months, we have had two drives fail at two different stations.

For Scow Bay Pump Station 1 we had previously purchased a spare drive so that in the event of a failure we are able to swap it out and return to service. The failed drive can be returned to the manufacturer and repaired.

At Pump Station 5 a drive failure coincided with a power failure in late September. We do not have a spare, so we are currently operating on 2 pumps. This drive is identical to the drives being installed at pump station 4. We plan to purchase a new drive to replace the failed one at PS5. We will also send the failed drive back to the manufacturer to be repaired and it will serve as a spare for both PS4 and PS5.

The multiple VFD failures we have seen could not be anticipated at the time the FY26 budget was presented to the Assembly. For that reason, I am requesting \$25,000 be added to the Machinery & Equipment capital outlay fund for the purchase of one new VFD and the repair of two additional drives.

Thank you for your consideration.

2024/2025 Assembly Appointments*Item 17D.*

Board	Member 1	Member 2
Southeast Conference Representatives	Mayor Jensen (voting member)	Member James Valentine
Alaska Municipal League Representative	Mayor Jensen	Member Bob Lynn
Liaison to Harbor and Ports Advisory Board	Member Scott Newman	n/a
Liaison to Hospital Board	Member Bob Lynn	n/a
Liaison to Public Safety Advisory Board	Member Rob Schwartz	n/a
Elected Official to Local Emergency Planning Committee	Vice Mayor Donna Marsh	n/a

Petersburg Borough Assembly
PO Box 329
Petersburg, AK 99833

10.24.25

Mayor Lynn and Assembly,

I would like to be considered for the open board seat on the Harbor Advisory Board. My commercial fishing and vessel operator experience as well as my knowledge of the general community waterfront infrastructure would lend itself well to participating in this advisory position.

As I look at the demographics of the current board, I believe there is a lack of representation from the larger commercial fishing vessel group and believe I could fill this gap in membership. My involvement in PVOA also could work to relay information and provide feedback to the Board and Assembly as needed.

Thank you for your consideration, I value the public process and appreciate the Assembly leaning on community members to help vet ideas and lead public engagement on future projects.

Sincerely,



Andy Kittams
F/V Sara Dawn

1006 Mitkof Hwy
Petersburg, AK 99833

To: Petersburg Assembly

15 OCT 2025

The purpose of this letter is to express my desire to be appointed to the Petersburg Public Safety Advisory Board. I retired from the Juneau Alaska Police Department after 21 years of service. I worked for the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona as the lead Code Enforcement Officer for 10 years. I relocated to Alaska in 2020 and currently reside in Petersburg.

Respectfully: John M Lichtenberger

RALIEGH COOK

PETERSBURG, AK 99833

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October 22, 2025

Petersburg Borough

RE: Planning and Zoning board

Borough Assembly

I am writing to express my interest in the Planning and Zoning Board position with Petersburg Borough. As a self-employed business owner, I have developed a strong foundation in innovation, problem-solving, and leadership—skills that I believe align well with the goals of your board.

Throughout my career, I have embraced a service-oriented approach, focusing on understanding community needs and fostering collaborative solutions. My experience has taught me the importance of intelligent and innovative direction when it comes to shaping our city's future. I am passionate about engaging with stakeholders to ensure that their voices are heard while also guiding them toward sustainable development practices.

In my role as a business owner, I successfully navigated various challenges by implementing creative strategies that not only address immediate concerns but also anticipated future needs. This proactive mindset has equipped me with the ability to think critically about zoning issues and urban planning initiatives that can benefit our community.

I am excited about the opportunity to assist board members in crafting policies that promote growth while preserving the unique character of Petersburg. My commitment to serving others drives me to contribute positively to our local government's mission.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing how my background and vision can support your efforts in developing an innovative framework for our city's planning initiatives.

Sincerely,
Raleigh Cook



From: Mika hasbrouck <mikahasbrouck907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Becky Regula <bregula@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Planning Commission Letter of Interest

Mika Cline
P.O. Box 1902
Petersburg, AK 99833
Phone: 907-957-2950

10/27/2025

Re: Planning & Zoning Commission – Letter of Interest

To the Mayor and Assembly Members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. I have lived in Petersburg all my life, and now, as I raise my children here, I care even more about the future of our community. I welcome the opportunity to help support thoughtful, fair, and community-focused planning decisions that will shape Petersburg for years to come.

I have experience with local land-use considerations; and I understand how zoning decisions affect homeowners, builders, businesses, and families. My work and life here have taught me to communicate respectfully, consider multiple viewpoints, and look for solutions that balance practical needs with long-term stewardship. My family and I own our property at 12 mile with the intent to build a home for our growing family, being personally invested in the community's stability and character influences how I think about land use and development.

Petersburg is a tight knit community with a sense of connection both of which are part of what makes this a good place to live. I believe we can preserve those qualities while also supporting healthy choices when it comes to housing opportunities and economic development. If appointed, I will commit to preparing for meetings, listening to the public, working collaboratively, and applying the Borough Code and Comprehensive Plan with consistency and fairness.

Thank you for your consideration. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the community in this role. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss my interest further.

Sincerely,

Mika Cline

From: Gary Aulbach <gaulbachsculpin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Land

10-20-2025

Good Morning,

I am submitting this letter this morning as I am unable to make it to the Assembly meeting this evening. Congratulations to Mark Jensen on his (retirement) from local politics, thank you very much for all of the time you have invested in our community, we are a better place to live thanks to you and the Assembly's hard work. I am writing to comment on the land sales that are being discussed at tonight's meeting. I am totally fine with selling the land for the Skylark project and the land to Dave Ohmer. The discount to the Skylark project is fine since it is a large-scale purchase and selling the two lots to Dave Ohmer at full appraised value also seems fair. My concerns have to do with the road that will need to be built for the Skylark project. I have heard some people say that the road for the subdivision should not have to be built to Borough specifications because it will make the development of the subdivision too costly to move ahead. I know there is another subdivision being put in and a possible third one in the works and I am wondering if those developers are having to build the roads to Borough Specifications? If not, then the Borough should re-write the specifications for roads for the entire Borough taking into account where these roads are being built. The road that is in the current Airport Subdivision behind the Hammer and Wikan grocery store has had zero maintenance done to it since the day it was completed. This road was built to the current Borough specifications and was paved 16 years ago. Maintenance for the road in the Skylark Subdivision will be the responsibility of the Borough once the project is completed. If you drive on any of the streets in or around town you will see what the Skylark road will look like once the traffic starts. I know it will be expensive to build the road to Borough specifications but isn't that why the Borough is discounting the land? There will never be a time when it will be less expensive to build a proper road than right now. Everything is going up! The Borough already does not have the manpower and equipment it needs to keep our roads on a regular grading schedule. I personally have a friend who lost his spare tire from under his van when it got hung up in a deep pothole. These roads will need this regular maintenance for ever, not just a year or two, more money will be spent on maintenance than would have been spent building the road to Borough Specifications. When people buy major items such as vehicles, appliances, boats, 4 wheelers, snow machines etc. or even smaller items such as rain gear, do they normally buy the cheapest possible thing they can find or do they put a little extra money into them so they don't have to turn right around and pay for costly repairs or total replacements just because they didn't want to spend the money to do it right? I understand that at times we have to purchase only what we can afford, I do not think we can afford to NOT build our roads to Borough Specifications. There was a reason that former City Councilors passed these specifications, and this is it.

Thank you for your time.

Gary Aulbach

From: M Litster <litstermss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Tidal Network

I am unable to come to tonight's meeting, I know there's not time to have my letter included in this weeks packet but wanted to let you know my thoughts anyway.

I would like to request that the borough schedule a work session to discuss Tidal network and invite a rep from both Tidal network and PIA. I would like to request a Tidal network discussion be put on the next assembly meeting agenda.

I am in favor of the project, but request the Borough consider lots further from residential areas. I would like to suggest the borough eventually consider an ordinance, such as the one in Chilkat Valley that requires towers be 1500 feet from residential areas. I think it's really important Petersburg moves forward with this project with Tidal network, as the world advances in technology we do not want to be left behind. But, I would like to see us have control over when, where, and how that occurs.

Thank you for your consideration,

Megan Litster

From: Donna Marsh <gottarunak@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 2:09 PM

To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>

Subject: Ohmer application

Dear Mayor and assembly members:

With the Ohmer application before you, I would urge you to iron out the safety issues pertaining to these parcels prior to approval by the assembly.

The reason I voted against this in July was exactly for this reason: these parcels are immediately adjacent to the WERC and someday-new hospital, so residential and hospital traffic stand to be significant safety factors for both user groups.

I'm all for new, affordable housing, but reasonable effort must be made to ensure our residents are safe as they go about their lives. I wish previous discussion on this had addressed the safety concerns.

Thank you for your time.

Donna Marsh

From: Daniel Sullivan <danjsulli@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 6:49 AM
To: Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>
Cc: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Public Safety

At last Saturday's (10/18/25) gathering for the No Kings rally, there was a potentially life threatening/ dangerous incident that concerned many in the crowd. I am sure by now most people involved are aware of the details. I don't know what the police department's response was as there did not appear to be any police present during the altercations, but I hope that they had a plan in place to deal with a possible violent incident, or are now in discussion of how to prepare for such an incident at any other public gatherings in the future. It is sad that we have to think these things might occur here but that is the reality we live in. I hope that a frank and constructive discussion can be implemented with the police department in a timely manner. Thank you for your time.

Dan Sullivan

Cc: Borough Assembly

From: Liz Bacom <liz.bacom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>; Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>; James Kerr <jkerr@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Letter of concern

To Mayor, Assembly members, city manager and Chief Kerr:

I participated in the No Kings Rally on Saturday, October 18th. There were over 140 participants peacefully assembled. The First Amendment guarantees our right to do so. I am a realist and understand not everyone agrees with me. I do have an expectation for our community members to refrain from using aggression to challenge anyones constitutional right. We can agree to disagree however, verbal and aggressive behavior will not get us anywhere. Bottom line, we need to feel safe in expressing our beliefs in a peaceful manner. Discreet law enforcement presence should be considered in the future.

Liz Bacom

From: cady bruce <fvhobo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2025 2:35 PM
To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Prop 1

Hi, Bruce Cady 204 Frederick Dr here.

I signed up for the state low income assistance on May 30 2025 incase prop 1 passed. We'll in July I got a letter from the doh saying they were sorry for the delay and it's there fault but they had my application. On October 16 I sent an email to the doh. Inquiring about my application status. On October 22 I got a reply from Jennifer Markle and it said pretty much the same thing they had my application and it was waiting to be reviewed. As January 1 is approaching I still have not been told yes or no. So the people who pushed prop 1 on the voters told half truths and lies to the public and the voters might not have passed it if the truth be known. The math they used said we cost approximately 480,000 in taxes. That would mean that 400 card holder's would have to spend 8,000,000 dollars ,that 20,000 each a year. Being I make less than 15,000 a year on social security that's not possible. And it's a real slap in the face when the 2,500 dollar cap on sales benefits the wealthy only because low income people can't afford to spend that much at a time. One 350,000 dollar skif motor trailer sale would be about 21,000 dollars in taxes. So who really costs the city more money in revenue. The only fair thing to do is make it so no one pays tax on food and everyone pays the full amount of tax on the full amount of the purchase. And reinstating the state income tax and the annual school assessment of fifty dollars from your first pay every year. And that would make the non resident work force pay taxes also.

Thank you for considering my feelings BC.

From: Bill Tremblay <brtrembla@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:20 AM
To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Upcoming meeting with Senator Sullivan

Assembly Members,

As Senator Sullivan is not providing public meetings to discuss the One Big Beautiful Bill Act with the public, I thought I'd share some comments and concerns with you. When contacting his office his response was to send me his 26 page comments about the bill. I'm assuming that this is the same document he has provided to you.

I hope what I've provided you helps in some understanding for my concerns for this bill. I'm sorry it's a PDF, my computer doesn't have Windows.

Thanks,

Bill Tremblay
P.O. Box 662
Petersburg, AK 99833
(907) 772-4461

Dear Petersburg Assembly;

Following is my review and comments to the 26 page summation of the benefits regarding HR.1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) provided to you by Senator Dan Sullivan. He provided this response to me after raising issues with this bill. As it is unlikely the public will have their own opportunity to discuss this with our Senator in a public forum, I'm hoping my comments to you might highlight concerns you might discuss with the Senator during his presentation.

I'll do my best to direct you to the location of the language I'm addressing.

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(First paragraph, third sentence) *"We prevented the largest tax hike in history-more than \$4 trillion- by extending the 2017 tax cuts for working families, which were set to expire later this year."*

Comment: Just a note for anyone concerned about the national debt, the Congressional Budget Office score for the OBBBA indicates that it will increase the national deficit by approximately **\$4.1 trillion** over 10 years (\$3.4 trillion in primary deficit and \$718 billion in interest costs). Not exactly what Senator Sullivan is promising.

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(Last paragraph) *"Finally, this legislation addresses our national debt of over \$36 trillion, which has reached dangerous, unsustainable levels. This level of debt drives high inflation and high interest rates, top concerns of Alaska families. The OBBBA represents one of the largest spending reductions in history-\$1.6 trillion over ten years, and it accomplishes these savings principally by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse, but not cutting essential services for Alaskans."*

Comment: This comment is misleading and doesn't reflect the opinion of the Congressional Budget Office. Also, the passage of the OBBBA in July of 2025 increased the national debt limit by another \$5 trillion, bringing the new total to \$42.1 trillion. If the OBBBA was going to save our government money then one would think the raise in the debt ceiling to this amount wouldn't be needed.

We've also seen how the OBBBA is being administered to address waste, fraud, and abuse by;

- Firing Federal workers without cause or legal basis
- Withholding an estimated \$350 million of congressionally-approved funding for minority serving colleges and universities (UAF lost and estimated \$2.9 million)
- Cancellation of \$280 million in Biden-era EPA grants for communities in Alaskans
- Cancellation of a \$20 million grant for flood protection in western Alaskans

Page 6 of 25 Fast-tracking Project Permitting and the Elimination of Biden-Era Restrictions

(Last couple of sentences on the page) *"As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, I have long advocated for comprehensive National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permitting reform, a worth bipartisan goal necessary to get more projects online in a timely manner. In the OBBBA, I championed and amendment to NEPA to add and optional "fast-track"*

mechanism to will allow resource development project sponsors to pay a fee to expedite environmental reviews, ensuring worthy projects receive accelerated consideration and sponsors have certainty in timelines.”

Comment: So, money talks? If you pay some “fee” your project will be put in front of the line instead of other priorities an agency might be facing? Also, the President has been firing staff (illegally in many cases) so there is also a question of WHO will have the staff to “expedite” and environmental review. Wanting a project to move faster doesn’t negate or minimize the amount of work required by law to actually do an environmental review for a project.

Page 7 of 25 Increasing Timber Production

(Second sentence, first paragraph) *“This section increases timber harvests and long-term contracts in National Forests and public lands,...*

Comment: Please clarify “long-term” contracts. Are we trying to do more 50yr contracts again? I worked on the long-term contract in the Ketchikan Area during the 80’s and know that the timber sale was also supported by adequate funding for staff to plan, layout, and administer the contracts AND there was significant funding provided for road building. (The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provided \$45,000,000 annually, from 1980 until 1990 to support timber operations on the Tongass National Forest.) There is NOTHING mentioned in the OBBBA that hints of any fiscal support to increase timber production to support more timber sales.

Again, the President has been cutting staff so there is unlikely to be any reasonable increase in available timber in the near future. Also, timber on the Tongass does not compete well in the Pacific Rim market with other countries flooding the markets with timber at a lower cost or by harvesting where there are fewer environmental restrictions. Last, let’s remember that when the last two long-term contracts were canceled illegally by the government (The Tongass Timber Reform Act of 1990 made changes to the two contracts without negotiations), the companies got reasonable compensation. However, when one company tried to sue for damages the judge threw out their case since they could not show they had ever made a profit after 40 years in business. Instead, he found that the only money made by the company was from the subsidies provided to them by the Japanese and United States governments.

Page 11 of 25 Removing Taxes on Firearms

(Middle paragraph at the top of the page) *“The OBBBA removes the tax on firearm manufacturing and firearm purchasing. Now, certain firearms and silencers will be \$200 less expensive to the consumer.”*

Comment: The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, collects taxes on guns. The revenue is directed to the state wildlife agencies to fund wildlife restoration and management, acquire land for wildlife habitats, and create and maintain public shooting ranges. So, will the reductions in this revenue impact funding for our State wildlife management? If so, by how much?

Page 18 of 25 Reforming Medicaid and Ensuring No Funding Cuts for Alaska

(Middle two paragraphs) *“I’ve been working for years on legislation to increase Alaska’s Medical Federal Assistance Percentage (FMAP) by 25 percent to better reflect the high cost of living and high cost of health care delivery in our state. My FMAP provision was included in the Senate version of the OBBA with White House and Senate Republican support....Senate Democrats challenged y Alaska FMAP provision...arguing....it violated budget reconciliation rules...,the parliamentarian advised that the provision violated the requirements of the “Byrd Rule,” resulting in the unfortunate removal of this pro-Alaska health care provision....*

Comment: The “Byrd Rule” was adopted on October 24, 1985 by a Senate vote of 96-0. The purpose was to keep reconciliation bills focused on their core purpose of adjusting spending and revenues and to prevent them from being used to attach unrelated policy changes. It doesn’t mean Senator Sullivan can’t try again to pass this legislation through the regular Senate process.

Page 19 or 25 B. Instituting Commonsense Work and Volunteer Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults

(Second Paragraph) *“The OBBA maintains full Medical Benefits, implementing tailored reforms that uphold Medicaid, prevents misuse, and refocuses benefits on vulnerable Americans.”*

Comment: While the intent is nice the actual impact will be that people will lose their insurance for many reasons. What is put in place largely mimics Georgia’s *Pathways to Coverage* program which has had some undesirable effects. Such as;

- Significantly lower than expected enrollment
- A high number of coverage losses due to the complexity of reporting hours, and
- No increase in employment among the effected population

Alaska will likely lose people on Medicaid for these same reasons. While it will help pay for the tax cuts that, benefit mostly the rich, it will also likely drive up medical costs for the rest of us in several ways. Hospitals will have more ER visits from uninsured that they are REQUIRED BY LAW to service, no matter if people have coverage or not. Fewer people on insurance drives up the costs for those who remain. Also, more people are likely to die as they are less likely to seek services early.

Page 20 or 25 B. Instituting Commonsense Work and Volunteer Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults

(First paragraph) *“Despite these broad liabilities, I heard from some organizations that these commonsense work and volunteer requirements would be difficult to implement by 2026 in Alaska. To ease implementation concerns, the bill includes a “good faith” waiver, which the Alaska delegation worked hard to secure, that gives certain states additional time, until 2028, to come into compliance.”*

Comment: During this last year, I talked to a State employee who worked to review applications for benefits. She noted that about five years ago, Alaska had about 300 employees working to process applications for assistance. Currently, there were about 70. They are so far behind that some applications are being approved for persons who have **died** before their benefits could be approved.

The Governor has talked about “contracting” to help process these services but that will be of little help. Contractors will still have to be trained to know our State requirements and funds beyond these contracts will be needed to administer the contracts. The State receives funding from the federal government to administer this program. We should be holding our State government more accountable in the oversight and management of these programs.

Page 20 of 25 A. Reducing burdens on Alaska’s Elders, Individuals with Disabilities, and Rural Communities

(Last paragraph, second sentence) *“I was a strong supporter of the Social Security Fairness Act, signed into law earlier this year, to fix this problem for our seniors, straighten our state’s workforce, help with recruitment efforts, and benefit hard-working Alaska families.”*

Comment: This was a bipartisan bill that was passed and signed during the Biden Administration. It does show an example of what good bipartisan work can do, unlike what is being discussed in the highly partisan OBBBA in this presentation. FYI, I did personally benefit from the passage of this bill.

Page 22 of 25 B. Protecting Flexibility for SNAP Benefits in High-Cost Areas

(First paragraph) *“This bill provides good governance SNAP cost-sharing measures to ensure that states properly administer their programs and get SNAP benefits to people who need them most. Unfortunately, the State of Alaska has recently had the highest “error rate” for SNAP benefits in the country. Our state needs to do a better job to bring the error rate down when administering SNAP.”*

Comment: As previously noted, the federal government provides the state with funds to administer this program. Unfortunately, our state government has not made it a priority to hire enough employees to provide a service to Alaskans who need it.

The OBBBA is estimated to reduce federal spending on SNAP by almost \$187 billion over 10 years (2025-2034).

Our current Administration plans to stop all SNAP funding beginning in the month of November **despite having sufficient reserved fund to continue the program.** A previous USDA shutdown plan noted that contingency funds were available, but a subsequent memo from the agency stated that they weren’t legally available to cover regular benefits” during a funding lapse. If the Assembly has an opportunity to ask questions, one might ask the status of these reserves to be used during this shutdown?

Page 22 of 25 X. Achieving Historic Savings for Our Children’s Future

(Second Paragraph) *“The OBBBA represents one of the largest spending reductions in history-\$1.2 trillion- and will reduce the deficit by \$36 billion over 10 years, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.”*

Comment: I checked this several times, this statement is false. The Congressional Budget Office says that the overall bill will likely add more than \$4.1 trillion dollars to our existing deficit over the next 10 years. Our Senator may be addressing the specific cuts that could cause some reductions in one part of the bill, but overall the national debt will go up.

Page 23 of 25 XI. Fighting back Against Senate Democrats and Democrat Minority Leader Schumer’s Relentless Attempts to Shut Down Alaska’s Economy and Harm Our Citizens

(First paragraph, last sentence) “...specific provisions must be challenged by Republican or Democratic Senators in order for the parliamentarian to issue a ruling that potentially strips the provision from the bill.”

Comment: The budget reconciliation process is a special legislative procedure in the US Congress to pass certain budgetary legislation with a simple majority vote in the Senate, bypassing the usual filibuster and 60-vote threshold. It begins with both chambers agreeing to a budget resolution containing reconciliation directives that instruct committees to change laws to meet specific deficit or spending targets. Amendments offered during floor consideration are subject to restrictions (e.g.; the Byrd Rule) to ensure they are budget-related.

Senator Sullivan has been serving in Congress since 2015. One would think he’d understand the budget process by now.

My final comments;

The implementation of much of the OBBBA will require a strong federal workforce and some continued federal funding. The attacks on federal employees is uncalled for as they have all taken oaths to the Constitution and have worked in a non-partisan way under many changes in the Administration. There loss not only impacts the quality and quantity of work but, hurts our community financially by losing good paying, career making, jobs.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments;

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