

MINUTES OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEETING, 2ND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTH, HELD MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Flint at 7:00 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Flint, Assembly Members Lagoudakis, Hoag, Strand, Wohlhueter (by phone) and Havrilek. Absent: Mayor Jensen (excused).
2. **VOLUNTARY PLEDGE** The Pledge was recited.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2013** The minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.
6-3-2013 Meeting Minutes
4. **AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** The agenda was amended to include Agenda Item 14 E, 2015 Budget. The agenda, as amended, was approved.
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BID AWARDS**
 - A. **Crushed Rock Bid** By unanimous Roll Call Vote the Assembly awarded the bid of Rock N Road Construction in the amount not to exceed \$48,800.
Crushed Rock Bid Recommendation
6. **VISITORS' VIEWS RELATED TO AGENDA** Resident Barry Bracken was in attendance to voice his support to agenda 11B (Letter to ADOT regarding use of herbicides and pesticides).
7. **VISITORS' VIEWS UNRELATED TO AGENDA** None.
8. **BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS** None.
9. **CONSENT AGENDA** No items.
10. **REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS** No reports.
11. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - A. **Seeking Letters of Interest** The borough continues to seek letters of interest from residents that would like to serve on the Sales Tax Ordinance Review committee.
H. Whitethorn Letter of Interest
 - B. **Authorization to send Herbicide and Pesticide Applications Letter to DOT&PF Commissioner Patrick Kemp** Vice Mayor Flint read the proposed letter (prepared by resident Barry Bracken) that expressed the Borough's concerns of the State's lack of public process and non local control for the use of potentially harmful chemicals throughout municipalities within the State. The draft letter informed the assembly planed to adopt an ordinance and land use regulations that would ban large-scale applications of herbicides and pesticides. The letter also requested that at the very least any plans to apply herbicides or pesticide within the borough should require a public review process and approval by the assembly. The draft letter was amended to remove the statement that the borough planned to develop an ordinance and land use restrictions and instead say that the borough hoped that it did not have to consider those measures. Consensus of the Assembly was to hold off spending time

and money in developing an ordinance that could be trumped by the State until a response is received from ADOT. Spraying pesticides within our subsistence base community could be disastrous. The policy is statewide and many people are concerned. Maybe ADOT will reconsider.

Mr. Bracken expressed his disappointment to the amendment of the letter and urged the Assembly not delay the development of an ordinance and land use restrictions. He believed it is in the best interest of the borough residents to have such an ordinance and it is the assembly's obligation to provide it.

The mayor was authorized to send the amended letter. Mr. Bracken was thanked for his work on the letter.

Herbicide Letter

C. July Assembly Meeting Schedule The time of the meeting was changed from Noon to 1:00 p.m. to enable assembly attendance to the Coast Guard's Change of Command ceremony.

- 12. MANAGER'S REPORT** Manager Giesbrecht reviewed his written report. The written report is attached and made part of these original minutes. During the report Harbor Master Wollen informed of the sea lion problems being experienced in the harbors and the Harbor Board's recommendation for an ordinance to help remedy the problem in order to remain in good graces with the National Marine Fisheries Service. Wollen also informed of grants recently received; one of which is for a new fish cleaning station.

Manager's Report 6-17-2013

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Juneau Appeal of Petersburg Borough Boundaries The borough and LBC have filed response briefs to Juneau's appeal. Juneau now has time to file its Appellant's Reply Brief. It is anticipated Juneau's Reply Brief will be filed no later than July 5, 2013.

B. Redistricting The Redistricting Board began daily work sessions on June 12, 2013 that will continue through June 20, 2013. On June 21, they will hold a Board meeting where they will formally adopt their draft Hickel Plan(s). Public Hearings on the Hickel Plan(s) will be held in Anchorage on June 28, 2013, Fairbanks on July 1, 2013, and Juneau on July 2, 2013.

Vice Mayor Flint read a proposed letter drafted by legal counsel Tom Klinkner expressing the assembly's support and preference for the adoption of the May, 2012 Option A Plan. By unanimous Roll Call Vote, the assembly authorized the letter be sent to the Redistricting Board expressing Petersburg's preference.

Redistricting Order and Letter

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Submit an Application to Mental Health Trust for Consideration Regarding the Acquisition of Tract 8b at Papke's Landing. The Planning Commission and Harbors and Port Advisory Board have recommended the borough make application to the Mental Health Land Trust to purchase approximately 3.5 acres of uplands above the current Papke's Landing dock structure, launch and parking area. By a vote of 5-2 (assembly Members Havrilek and Strand opposed) the assembly authorized an application be made. During discussion it was noted that it costs \$500 to start the very lengthy process. Application does not commit the borough to land acquisition, but does start the long Mental Health process. Havrilek and Strand believed it should be determined ahead of time if the pursuit and/or acquisition of property in the Papke's Landing area will or will not be performed on a service area basis, preventing any misunderstandings in the future. They noted the purchase of one parcel in the Papke's area could cause inflated sales prices for other properties adjacent to the Mental Health land owned by the DNR and ADOT. The

balance of the assembly believed the lengthy application process for Mental Health could be started now with determination of whether any future purchases and/or maintenance issues would be provided by service area or borough-wide funding.

Plat of Tract 8b at Papke's Landing

B. Authorization to Purchase a Subscription and Service Agreement with eCIVIS, an Online Grant Management and Search Tool Manager By a 5-1 Roll Call Vote (Assembly Member Havrilek opposed) authorization was given for a three year subscription with eCIVIS at the annual cost of \$1,750. Assembly Member Havrilek opposed the purchase as he had used the program in the past and did not find it beneficial for the time needed to be invested in it.

eCIVIS Service Agreement

C. Authorization to Enter into a Solid Waste Transport and Disposal Agreement

By unanimous Roll Call Vote the assembly accepted Public Works Director Hagerman's recommendation and authorized a professional service contract with Regional Disposal Company for the transport and disposal of municipal solid waste and the recycling and sale of recyclable materials. The new contract encourages more recycling as disposal cost for the recycling (due to the sale of recyclable material) is lowered to approximately 1/3 the cost of non-recycled material. Whether the borough can manage and provide for a co-mingled program is to be determined. The borough will be working with Petersburg Indian Association on the project.

Solid Waste Transport and Disposal Agreement

D. Approval of the Petersburg Regional & Community Jail Contract The assembly unanimously approved the five year term jail contract as proposed by the Department of Corrections.

Jail Contract

E. 2015 Budget Assembly member Havrilek asked the assembly to set a conservative tone for the 2015/16 budget. He asked the assembly to consider a policy that would make as many cuts as possible to keep costs down for our businesses and residents. He wanted to see a 3% decrease in next year's budget. He reminded that sales tax revenue is down for this year by as much as \$70,000. To our local businesses, this represents a monetary decrease of approximately 1.2 million in sales of goods and services. Consensus of the assembly was not to commit to any definite budget cuts, but start the budget process earlier next year, giving more opportunity for assembly and public to make input. It was noted that the recent Borough formation makes it difficult to forecast what revenues and expenses will be in the future.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Thank You Letter from Alaska Marine Highway System Mayor Flint read the letter received from General Manager, Captain John F. Falvey, Jr., thanking the community for a wonderful celebration of the ferry system's 50th birthday.

Letter from AMHS

B. Letter from Wrangell Mayor David L. Jack The letter recommended a probationary review of our SEAPA partnership with the review being paid for by SEAPA. The assembly directed the manager to respond to the letter by informing payment of any review should be by the member utilities, that any review should be done consistent with the original MOU and performed at a time closer to December, 2014. A brief discussion of an insurance rebate due to Thomas Bay Power Authority was also held.

Letter from Wrangell Mayor Jack

16. ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Recognitions

1. Thank you- CPR Assembly member Havrilek acknowledged the life saving CPR performed on a resident by Captain Westre and Officer Popp. The family of the victim expressed their sincere thank you.

B. USCG Announces Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Corresponding Finding of No Significant Impact for Homeporting Three

SENTINEL-Class Fast Response Cutters (FRCs) in the Vicinity of Juneau, Alaska, and Providing Improved Shore and Waterfront Facilities at Base Support Unit Ketchikan, Alaska The letter was acknowledged and it was thought to be the start of the federal government moving the Coast Guard from Petersburg. Petersburg cannot provide services for the much larger cutters. The community will need to reach out to the Coast Guard to retain as much future services in the community as possible.

17. **ADJOURN** The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Date Approved
