

**Mayor's Report  
For  
March 7 , 2016 Assembly Meeting**

1. **Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Borough is seeking letters of interest from Borough residents willing to serve on the following Boards/Commissions until the October, 2016 Municipal Election:

Hospital Board – 2 vacant seats

Planning Commission – 1 vacant seat

Letters of interest may be addressed to the Borough Clerk and emailed to [dthompson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:dthompson@petersburgak.gov), mailed to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, or dropped off at the Borough Administration office in the Municipal Building.

2. **Municipal Building/Police Department Renovation Project:** Four bids were received for the renovation of the Municipal Building/Police Department. The apparent low bidder is McG Constructors, Inc/DCI Joint Venture for a total bid of \$6,852,300 (base bid of \$6,307,000 plus four alternates, if awarded). A Letter of Intent to Award was mailed to all bidders on March 3, 2016. The Assembly will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 12:00 noon to award the project.
3. **Senate Finance Committee Public Hearing on the State's Proposed FY 2017 Operating Budget:** The Senate Finance Committee will hear public testimony from Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. I am available to testify on behalf of the Borough but would like input from the Assembly regarding Petersburg's concerns with the proposed State budget.
4. **Essential Air Service:** Our Federal Lobbyists have brought to our attention legislation reauthorizing the FAA that could have negative impacts to rural community air service in Alaska. They are monitoring the progress of the legislation and will keep us informed. We may need to write a resolution to make our concerns heard at some point.
5. **Mayfest Invitations:** Invitations to our 2016 Little Norway Festival have been sent to Governor Walker, Lt. Governor Mallott, Senators Murkowski, Sullivan and Stedman, Congressman Young, Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Kito, Alaska Department of Corrections Commissioner Williams, USCG Rear Admiral Abel (Commander of 17<sup>th</sup> USCG District), and His Royal Highness King Harald V, King of Norway.