



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 1 May 2017**

- ❖ Liz prepared the required Census data as part of the LUCA program. LUCA is the only opportunity local governments have to review the Census Bureau's list of housing units within their legal boundaries prior to the 2020 census.
- ❖ Planning Commission is working through preliminary review of the zoning code revision. They have reviewed three portions of the proposed code – Permit Review Process, Land Division, and General Provisions.
- ❖ Liz is organizing a Q&A session with Mark Scheer for fishermen and processors to discuss opportunities in mariculture. Tentatively scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm – 5 pm in the Assembly Chambers.
- ❖ Thanks to US Coast Guard for dedicating time this past weekend to cleaning and maintenance activities at the Children's Center and construction of a new flower box.
- ❖ The Tri-annual DOT Airport Drill occurred on April 22. The Fire, EMS, and SAR had 31 people participate. The Police Dept participated, as did Staff at Petersburg Medical Center. A big thank you to Hoopi for driving the bus and the 29 volunteers who played passengers/patients.
- ❖ Planning for the annual Summer Reading Challenge is under way. First Bank has awarded the program a \$3000 grant and many other local individuals and businesses have contributed. The program is only possible with the help of these donors so are very thankful for their generosity. Donations to the program can be made at the library.
- ❖ With the help of PCS we've replaced 7 public virtual computers at the Library which had become obsolete.
- ❖ Public works staff assisting water department with repair of a leaking air relief valve at the Post Office, and several other small water leaks around town.
- ❖ Grading efforts have begun around town, weather permitting.
- ❖ Justin Haley and crew moved the wireless network antennas from the Mountain View Manor to the Fire Hall and is reporting much improved network service to the wastewater plant, water plant and baler. The interference with the MVM pager systems appears to be resolved as well.
- ❖ Recently had a visit from the Heil truck dealer and representative to check in on our new collection trucks. Adjustments were made to the collection arm assembly and plans were made to send a technician to Petersburg in May or June to provide some additional training for motor pool mechanics.

- ❖ Waste Management is planning a visit the first week of June to gauge the amount of scrap and junk vehicles in the landfill. Once this occurs, they will submit a proposal for a scope of work and pricing for the scrap removal.
- ❖ Karl and Derrick O'Soup gave a recycling presentation for the elementary school in honor of Earth Day. The talk included what can and cannot be recycled in Petersburg. The students and school will also be working on production of a new recycling video to demonstrate the proper way to recycle in Petersburg. Thanks to Teri Toland, Elementary Principal, and Mary Ellen Anderson, Elementary Librarian, for their leadership and support of the presentation and video project.
- ❖ SECON was recently in town to look at Unimak Street and offer a firm quote for paving. Once the paving quote is received, Karl will work with Finance to develop an initial assessment roll. The assessment roll, paving quote and construction plan will be sent to the Unimak residents and a public hearing will be scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources has indicated that they will fund routine maintenance at Green's Camp, Wilson Creek and Banana Point for 2017. Funding amount is \$6,242 which is the same as the annual funding amount for the past several years. With the current budget situation at the State it is unclear if we can count on this continuing in the future, but so far this funding has been spared the budget cuts that have been implemented elsewhere.
- ❖ Blind Slough Hydro is back on line after repair/replacement of the failed main circuit breaker.
- ❖ The RFP for the building remodeling project is "on the street". A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bid opening will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Chief Swihart met with Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) members at WAVE on 4/18. The team has elected to meet quarterly to coordinate efforts between disciplines and will attend training in Petersburg in late June. Thanks to Annette Wooten and Rikki McKay for putting the team training together.
- ❖ The server / hardware migration from the fire hall is complete. Thanks to Joe Popham and PCS for the smooth transition.
- ❖ DARE Graduation was 4/26/17. Special thanks to the kids that participated, Officer Popp, and the school district for another successful program.
- ❖ Sgt. Holmgrain was invited by the FBI to attend Joint Terrorism Task Force workshop in Anchorage on 4/26 & 4/27. The workshop was designed for mid-level employees. Sgt. Holmgrain was selected as the SE AK representative. Funding was provided by the FBI.
- ❖ Chief Swihart was invited to meet with the US Attorney and other law enforcement officials on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss federal prosecutions in SE AK and to help set priorities for the upcoming year. We hope to participate telephonically.
- ❖ Officer Waechter is due to successfully complete field training by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Great work by Louis and his trainers. He and Officer Carl Tate are scheduled for academy training in August.