



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 04 March 2019**

- ❖ The Friends of the Parks and Rec group is amazing! Their current projects include looking at sprucing up the Eagles Roost stairs; upgrading the locker room showers to automatic shut off buttons so that water is not wasted; and developing a potential route for a frisbee golf course. They have donated a weekend so far to help move gym equipment and work on the locker room's maintenance needs as well.
- ❖ PIA is doing a great job plowing the trails. I believe there might be a citizen out there helping with this too.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. has had conversations with KFSK to do a once a month radio spot to discuss parks and Rec programming. We may be able to start this this spring.
- ❖ Property Assessments were mailed on March 1st. Please look for your assessment in the mail and review. Property owners have until April 1 to appeal. This is a hard deadline and there have been many assessment updates so check carefully. Appeal forms are at the Borough finance office or on the borough's website.
- ❖ Harbor maintenance staff installed 6 more safety ladders for the ends of the float systems in the North, Middle and D Float. We have 4 more on order for the South Harbor.
- ❖ Cold weather played a part in 3 vessels near sinking in the Harbor. Thanks to regular Harbor patrols and good Samaritans noticing things out of the ordinary and calling their concerns in.
- ❖ Water Dept. staff is working through the findings of the Sanitary Survey at the water treatment plant and the distribution system. A conversation with ADEC recently has given a firm direction to satisfy the state in regards to the issues raised. Of highest importance to the State is to perform additional work on a large diameter separation valve at the water storage tank (separates ingoing piping from outgoing piping) and also to install adequate backflow prevention at the end of our system where the department regularly runs water for water quality purposes. Solutions for both of these issues are in the works.
- ❖ PMPL staff has begun a 24-hour baseload diesel campaign as of February 26th. This generation will supplement Tyee power and with the goal of slowing the draft rate to 0.2' per day or less from Tyee Lake. Under those conditions and with the current draft limit of 1258', Tyee can be expected to provide power to Petersburg and Wrangell for approximately another 15 days. The SEAPA Board of Directors will be discussing lowering the draft limit further at the February 28th meeting in Ketchikan.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs has provided initial drafts of an Alternative Development and Analysis Report and a Capital Improvement Plan. Once staff reviews and offers comments and feedback, the reports will be finalized, and I will present the findings to the Assembly.
- ❖ Tyee Lake level is still two feet below our guide curve but conservative generation and water use, coupled with concurrence of same from the Crystal Lake Hatchery, is stretching this power source out very well. It is estimated that the lake holds 40-50 days of generation at the current 990 kW rate.

- ❖ It's all about power conservation these days. PSA's have been produced with various tips on how to reduce energy consumption and many customers are doing a great job in turning off lights, lowering thermostats and cutting back on hot water use. Thanks to the Borough departments that have taken measures to lead by example and reduce energy use at their facilities.
- ❖ Our primary sand truck experienced a weld failure in the sander attachment and was out of service for a few days while repairs are made. The smaller sand truck (F550) was utilized to cover all sanding routes until when the larger truck was placed back in service.
- ❖ March 6, 7, 8th the Petersburg Police Department, USCG and the Petersburg Harbor Department will be conducting active shooter drills. The USCG is sending Law Enforcement/Boarding teams from SE Alaska to attend this training in Petersburg. March 6th and 7th will be teaching USCG the response to active shooters and the tactics involved in stopping the active threat. March 8th starting at approximately 0700 hours the final drill will start. This drill will start in the Petersburg Harbor then move as it develops so don't be alarmed. The drill will involve the USCG Sitka Air Station with the use of a helicopter, USCG small boats and the Petersburg Harbor Security boat.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department/Jail received an audit by the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and received in compliance ratings. The Deputy Commissioner was impressed with the Petersburg jail facility and the degree of safety that is demonstrated. Staffing levels at the facility was an area noted for improvement but still within compliance. The Official results will be released in April.
- ❖ Engel Entertainment (ask Jim for update)
- ❖ Planning Commission meets on March 12th to review comments and make a recommendation on a proposed zoning map for Service Area 1. All property owners were mailed a notice regarding the proposed map and how to submit comments. Additional information is available from the borough homepage – click “Petersburg Development Code Revision”.
- ❖ Building Plan Review, Permits and Inspections are available. Appreciate everyone's patience while the building official was out of town.
- ❖ Seaweed Mariculture Workshop scheduled March 5th from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Assembly Chambers. Gary Freitag with the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program will speak on the practical aspects of seaweed mariculture.
- ❖ PEDC Visitor Industry Working Group is meeting over the next two months: Time: 2 – 3 pm
Monday, March 4th, Location: Training Room, 1st Floor, Municipal Building
Monday, March 25th, Location: Assembly Chambers
Monday, April 15th, Location: Assembly Chambers
Monday, April 29th, Location: Assembly Chambers
- ❖ Shelyn, Jody and I have had telephone conversations with three different consultants regarding the Assisted Living Facility. We will be receiving proposals over the next several weeks and will be able to make a recommendation to the Assembly at a future meeting. One consistent theme is the facility is too small to gain enough economies of scale to make a profit. It appears from their perspective; the minimum size would be 40-50 units. We have 20!