

**Mayor's Report
For
September 19, 2016 Assembly Meeting**

- 1. Historic Canning Labels Featured in Alaska Airline's Alaska Beyond Magazine:** Page 30 of the September issue of Alaska Beyond Magazine showcases a few of Karen Hofstad's historic canning labels with an interesting article about Alaska canneries and Karen's effort, with the help of a few sponsors, to display some history of the industry that built Petersburg by supplying public refuse cans with prints of the old canning labels on them. The cans are bright and interesting – an artistic asset to Petersburg. Thank you Karen for your efforts!

- 2. Candidates for the October 4, 2016 Election:** The Clerk's office received 15 declaration of candidacy forms for our October election.

There were no declarations of candidacy for the following seats:

School Board:	One seat – 3 year term
Hospital Board:	Three seats – 3 year terms
Public Safety Board:	One seat – 2 year term

A qualified Borough resident who wishes to run for office as a write-in candidate may file a Letter of Intent form with the Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016. Write-in candidate Letter of Intent forms are available at the front desk of the Finance office or can be printed from the Borough's website (www.petersburgak.gov). Questions? Contact Clerk Thompson at 772-5405.

- 3. Seeking Community Input on State Dock Issue:** The State of Alaska has offered to transfer ownership of the Papke's Landing dock, the Kupreanof dock, and the Entrance Island dock to the Petersburg Borough along with a lump sum payment of \$732,883 toward deferred maintenance. Condition assessments were recently performed that estimates the cost to bring the Papke's Landing dock to a safe and usable condition at \$1,050,000 and \$1,395,000 for the Kupreanof dock. The Borough Assembly is still seeking input from the community regarding acceptance or denial of the State's offer. A questionnaire on the issue is available for printing off the Borough's website (www.petersburgak.gov) or can be picked up at any Borough office, from the City of Kupreanof Clerk, or from the Papke's Landing Public Notice Board. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities has given the Borough a deadline of December 31, 2016 to accept the transfer. The plan is to address this issue after the October municipal election.

4. **Notice of Proposed Issuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit:** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is planning to reissue a general permit for discharges from the application of pesticides as the current permit issued by the EPA in 2011 expires on October 31, 2016. Public comments will be accepted until October 3, 2016 and may be sent to:

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Jim Rypkema
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 334-2288
Email – Jim.Rypkema@alaska.gov

5. **Southeast Conference.** A reminder that the 2016 Southeast Conference and Annual Membership Meeting will be held here in Petersburg September 20-22. Information about the meeting can be found at www.seconference.org.
6. **SEAPA September Meeting:** Mayor Jensen attended the SEAPA Board meeting in Ketchikan last week. It was a good trip and he was able to tour the construction site for the expansion of Swan Lake Dam. Mayor Jensen will share photos and more information regarding the meeting at a later date (he's out catching salmon right now).
7. **Mallard East & West Subdivision:** At the Assembly's request, Clerk Thompson notified the Alaska Mental Health Trust that Mayor Jensen would be unable to sign the plat for the proposed Mallard East & West Subdivision accepting dedication of lands for public use because of the Borough's concern regarding the size of some of the proposed lots not having enough room for a proper "off the grid" septic system and/or mitigation area. Clerk Thompson received a call from David Griffin with the Trust Land Office who informed that the Trust would like to work out a solution by incorporating the smaller lots into larger lots and will present a new plat to the Borough in the near future.