

**Mayor's Report
For
March 8, 2021 Assembly Meeting**

- 1. Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation:** Alaska's Federal Delegation plans to reintroduce the Landless Native legislation soon. Mayor Jensen and Manager Giesbrecht took part in a teleconference with representatives from other communities affected by the proposed legislation and with staff from Senator Murkowski's office recently. Mayor Jensen will give a report on the meeting.

In addition, the Assembly will hold a Work Session on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference to receive public comments regarding the proposed legislation. A copy of Senate Bill 4891, which was introduced in the 116th Congress but failed to move to a vote of Congress before the end of the last session, is on the Borough website for public viewing along with maps of the lands selected for transfer to the communities who were not included in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee and Wrangell). Similar legislation will be introduced in the current Congressional session and if Petersburg has any comments regarding the legislation, they should be provided to Senator Murkowski's office in the near future.

- 2. 2020 Water Quality Data for Ports and Waterways:** Mayor Jensen and Manager Giesbrecht participated in a teleconference with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation representatives regarding water quality testing performed in 2020 on 16 ports and harbors from Ketchikan to Nome and 20 sampling sites along major Southeast shipping/traffic lanes. Mayor Jensen will give a report on the meeting.
- 3. Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Assembly is seeking letters of interest from Borough residents who wish to serve the community by filling a vacant seat on the following Boards/Commissions until the October 2021 Municipal Election:

Planning Commission – 1 vacant seat
Public Safety Advisory Board – 2 vacant seats

Letters of interest should be submitted to Clerk Thompson at the Borough office located at 12 S. Nordic Drive; by mailing to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833; or by emailing to dthompson@petersburgak.gov.