



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 4 December 2017**

- ❖ Planning Commission is nearly complete with their preliminary review of the zoning/subdivision code revision. They are also working on a public hearing and review schedule.
- ❖ Developed a Planning Commissioner's Handbook. The handbook provides an overview of the role and responsibilities of the commission, types of decisions the commission makes, legal issues such as open meetings and ex parte communication, conduct of public hearings, need for findings of facts, glossary of terms, etc. P&Z approved the handbook at their last meeting.
- ❖ Matt Bryner has done a spectacular job on the library's Christmas lights again this year. Thanks to everyone involved for the tree, decorations and the tree lighting itself.
- ❖ Our E-rate funding for the current year has been approved. E-rate is a federal subsidy which pays for 80% of the library's internet cost and 40% of telephone costs. The Library has also applied to the Alaska State Library for an intern for next summer.
- ❖ Five students finished the Emergency Trauma Technician course, passed the written and practical testing, and are now certified. One person recertified.
- ❖ Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday December 16th, at 9am.
- ❖ We ordered a boom lift from Alaska Fibre to replace the lights in the Aquatic Center that are out. Ira was able to replace lights on the East side. However, not all light fixtures work. Overall it is brighter in the pool natatorium.
- ❖ 5 confirmed resident cases of influenza at Assisted Living. No fevers for 3 days and on the mend! ☺ Reminder to the public not to visit if you have a fever or a cough, sanitize hands upon arrival and before leaving.
- ❖ Annual Rotary party postponed to December 17th due to influenza.
- ❖ Winter is here. The Police are responding to many weather-related complaints. The public is reminded to be cautious and careful when driving or walking on icy surfaces and to be conscientious when parking. Vehicles have been ticketed and/or impounded for hindering snow removal. Hindering snow removal at the airport has been a repeated concern.
- ❖ Senate Bill 54 was signed by the Governor, with provisions going into effect on 11/27/17. The bill makes several adjustments to the crime reform bill SB 91. Updates have been provided by the Department of Law and forwarded to employees.

- ❖ The public should expect more evening traffic enforcement and bar checks as we head into the holiday season. We would appreciate everyone celebrating safely.
- ❖ Cub Scouts toured the building on 11/27/17.
- ❖ The 350-gen set start up is still scheduled for the week of Dec. 11.
- ❖ Staff from several departments recently sat in on a presentation from Ferguson, a utility supply company, regarding auto meter reading technology.
- ❖ Karl is monitoring recycle commodity pricing as the Chinese policy decisions start to affect the recycling markets. Prices are dropping, but not to the point of mandating any changes to our local program yet. If prices become more volatile and drop significantly, changes to exclude mixed paper and plastics #3 - #7 from Petersburg's program may have to take place on short notice.
- ❖ Representatives from Heil and Bob's Services visited Petersburg on November 27th to provide a checkup on our newest garbage/recycle truck as well as to provide some training to our mechanics.
- ❖ The grader is experiencing intermittent operation issues with the snow wing. Staff is working hard to find the problem. The grader is still able to plow its routes, but isn't as efficient without reliable use of the wing.
- ❖ The contract with EPC has been executed for the Icicle Seafoods Switch project. Preliminary drawings of the work are expected by November 29th. The plan is for work to commence on the 5th and conclude on the 9th. A one-day street closure is planned for November 5th to trench across First Street for conduit installation. The outage for the work will take place on Friday evening (December 8th) starting at 6:30pm and may take up to 6 hours to complete the swap over to the new equipment. The only customers affected by the outage will be PFI, the Trading Union and the wastewater pump station at PFI. The Contractor will be well prepared for the outage and make it as short as possible.
- ❖ The PMPL Remodel project is moving along. The contractor will be forming and pouring retaining walls at the parking area and the subgrade foundation wall in the front of the building during the week of November 27- December 1st. The electrical and lights in the upstairs offices have been demolished.
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