



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 4 June 2018**

- ❖ Sitka Electric arrived into town Thursday 5/24. The Aquatic Center lights were replaced 5/26-6/2. The facility was closed starting 5/26, opening back up on Sunday 6/3.
- ❖ By the end of June, parcel information should be accessible online from the Borough's website. Property owners will be able to set up accounts and eventually pay their property taxes online. We are also planning on passing credit card merchant fees on to the customer. This would save the Borough's General Fund approximately \$30,000 in annual credit card processing fees. This would only apply to property tax credit card payments.
- ❖ Upper Dam (City Creek) Spillway Rehabilitation project is moving forward. Reid Brothers have built the temporary work pad in the creek, installed a bypass pipe and have ground down the surface of the spillway to solid concrete. The short wall at the top of the spillway will also be removed prior to Rainforest Contracting mobilizing and starting on the rebar installation and formwork.
- ❖ The Water Dept. will be getting some help from Public Works on the water main on 10th Street to verify pipe size and material. The goal is to install an isolation valve on an old transite section running through the muskeg in the Fram Street right of way. Once the pipe size is verified, we will order a valve for installation.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro Evaluation project is ongoing. The evaluation of the penstock went well on May 22nd and the engineer was generally happy with the condition of the pipe and supports. The FERC required penstock wall thickness inspection was performed on the same day and no concerns were noted with the condition of the pipe through this process. The week of July 9th will see the mechanic and electrician work on some electrical testing of the hydro windings concurrent with a technician that will be testing the rotor shaft for cracks.
- ❖ Crystal Lake water levels are rebounding nicely with the recent rains. Staff is happy with the rising water and we have increased our usage out of the lake to produce more power from that source.
- ❖ Engineers recently returned to Petersburg to complete the sorting out of control issues and anomalies at the Scow Bay Generator. After the work, the condition of the generator "running away" during startup has been fixed and programming improvements to the shutdown procedure have been made to prevent sudden opening of the main breaker and dumping the entire generator load onto the Tyee feed. Staff is very pleased with the changes and we are hoping these changes will finally result in a reliable and dependable generator for our system.
- ❖ The line crew found a rotten SEAPA transmission pole at Falls Creek when working on a service. SEAPA was contacted and they will be bringing a crew to town during the shutdown to replace the pole. This is a big job and will result in an outage to customers to the south of this location for up to a few hours. Public notice will be a priority once a final schedule for the work has been set.
- ❖ The annual Tyee maintenance shutdown is scheduled for **June 18-25**.
- ❖ Fire/EMS had a meeting with representatives from Fire Dept, Harbor Dept, Utility Director, Police Dept, Petersburg Medical Center, Alaska Airlines, US Coast Guard, and Alaska Marine Highway System to review the

Mass Rescue Operation (MRO) Plan.

- ❖ The new Ambulance is here and ready for service. A little late for EMS Appreciation Week which was May 20-26 but appreciated none the less. We thanked the Petersburg Volunteer EMS personnel on May 23rd.
- ❖ Search & Rescue Captain Robert Carter is retiring on May 31. He's been a member since Mar 2005.
- ❖ The Fire Dept hosted 5 middle students on May 25th. Volunteer members from Fire and EMS spent the day teaching them about Fire and EMS equipment and activities.
- ❖ The Storyteller's Pole unveiling was a great success. We have many people to thank for making this project possible. In addition to the donors (Rasmuson Foundation, Petersburg Community Foundation, Friends of Petersburg Libraries, individual donors) we had help from ICICLE Seafoods, the crew of the Windham Bay, the Seetka Kwaan Dancers and the Public Works Crew.
- ❖ The library received a Petersburg Community Foundation grant to bring the exhibit 'Decolonizing Alaska' to Petersburg in February 2019. This is a multimedia art exhibit that has travelled around the nation. It includes the work of 31 contemporary Alaskan artists.
- ❖ Our summer youth program, 'summer stream', starts June 4. There will be many programs and learning challenges to keep kids active and engaged in learning this summer, details are on the library's website.
- ❖ Office of Children's Services duties are being completed by workers from other offices on a fill in type basis. Plans are in the works to station a permanent worker back in Petersburg.
- ❖ Barb Beasley is working with the crime lab to submit approximately 10 untested Sexual Assault (rape) kits. Kits were not tested in the past unless there was an evidentiary need. New protocols from the State requires all kits to be tested, unless the victim does not wish an investigation, but wishes to remain anonymous. All other kits in Petersburg have been tested.
- ❖ The Finalists for the Police Chief position will be interviewed in person on June 13. There will be a Community Reception scheduled for the evening of June 12, and a Police Department only breakfast social for members of the department to meet the candidates and their spouses.
- ❖ Working together with the Petersburg Police and Harbor Depts., the Streets crew removed more than 20 excess vehicles from the vehicle impound yard and freed up a lot of area for future impound needs.
- ❖ The household hazardous waste (HHW) event will be held the weekend of June 9-10.
- ❖ The solid waste baler is still out of service. The initial breakdown in late April was a conveyor problem. After we got the conveyor running again, the baler itself stopped working and was found to have a processor malfunction. The failed processor is over 20 years old and cannot be rebuilt, but we have a spare processor that is being programmed at present. We anticipate the baler will be down for at least another week until we get the rebuilt processor back from the programmer and installed. Until the baler is operational again, solid waste is being loaded into open top containers and shipped south to our regular disposal contractor.