



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 April 2018**

- ❖ The Borough's new Development Code is delayed for the formal vote by the Assembly. Rather than rushing through the final stage of creating the Ordinance and the attorney's review, we will get an updated version out to review over the summer with the vote by the Assembly held until the early Fall.
- ❖ Planning for the household hazardous waste (HHW) event to be held in June – date TBD but will be either the first or second weekend of that month.
- ❖ Waste Management will be making a scrap metal trip to Petersburg in May. If all goes according to plan they should begin mobilizing into Petersburg on May 10th and be finishing up by May 22nd. For safety reasons, there will be no salvaging permitted in the landfill while Waste Management is onsite.
- ❖ Recycling commodity prices are down sharply over the last few months. This may be a short-term issue or a longer-term trend – no one is really sure at the moment. A continuing drop in commodity prices may result in changes to the recycling program in the future. We are monitoring this issue and will provide updates as more information becomes available.
- ❖ The Library has hired a graduate student as an intern this summer. The position is paid for by the Alaska State Library. Karen Hofstad has generously donated use of her apartment. The intern will work on a special project in our children's area.
- ❖ Work on the library's Storyteller Pole is progressing on schedule - updates are posted to the library's Facebook page.
- ❖ We are currently asking for donations from the community for the Summer Reading Challenge. The program has expanded far beyond reading, so this year the program will be renamed Summer STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, math), as it better describes the variety of activities in the program.
- ❖ The Borough had 109 property assessment appeals from 50 appellants. All appeals were resolved prior to the BOE. A final assessment roll will be presented at the May 7th Assembly meeting.
- ❖ There will be a budget work session on April 20th at 3pm in the Assembly Chambers.
- ❖ The distribution circuit that ties the Blind Slough Hydro to town had an outage on Wednesday of last week. An old rotten tree top came down and broke off the top of a pole. To get the power restored, the line crew, with the help of the power plant mechanic, electrician and meter reader (acting as a groundman), had to fill in a ditch to allow access to the line, set a new pole and cross arm, transfer primary conductors to the new pole and replace a transformer that was destroyed by the event. It was a lot of work in a short amount of time and the crew did a great job.
- ❖ The PMPL Remodel project is coming together. Final interior touches and cleaning to the upstairs should be complete by this week – followed closely by cleaning of the downstairs areas. The last work to be completed will be exterior light installations, repairs to the sidewalks and installing of gutters and

downspouts. Staff is planning to start moving larger items into the remodeled space by the last week of the month, with final moving taking place around the first week in May.

- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro Evaluation project is ongoing. McMillen Jacobs continues to request various information about the facility. Current planning has the engineers coming back in mid to late May to perform an inspection on the penstock and dam.
- ❖ The colder temperatures this winter and lack of rainfall this spring has taken a toll on the lake level at Crystal Lake. We are slowly reducing our output from the hydro to preserve as much water as possible - while still meeting water requirements for the hatchery. We need a rain cloud to station itself above Crystal Lake for a week to help us out with water levels.
- ❖ The line crew successfully replaced the banner pole adjacent to the police department this month.
- ❖ Congratulations to the two Emergency Trauma Technicians who completed recertification; also, the four community members who completed the condensed version of the Firefighter 1 class.
- ❖ We continue to have waitlists at both Elderly Housing and Assisted Living. We have an Assisted Living Licensing Inspection on June 18th-19th
- ❖ Friends of Parks and Recreation group had their second meeting on 4/2. They have decided to move forward with establishing a non-profit. We are all very excited! If there is anyone interested in joining us our next meeting will be Wednesday April 18th at the community center.
- ❖ Park Clean Up Day: Saturday April 21st, meeting at the Ballfields. Come join Petersburg Little League and Parks and Recreation open up the ballfields and clean trails. It will be a fun day, with prizes for teams or community members, and a BBQ.
- ❖ Lifeguards: We are looking for water savvy teens and adults who are interested in taking a lifeguarding class to work for the Community Center Pool; seeking year-round and summer workers. If interested, please email or call Chandra Thornburg at cthornburg@petersburgak.gov.
- ❖ Chandra is working on a cleaning contract with Precision Cleaning to have a better overall approach to the cleaning of the community center. We have been using them on a temporary limited basis but the facility definitely needs more help. That contract will come to Debbie's desk soon.
- ❖ The new lighting system is set to be installed that last week of May. A pre-construction meeting is set on April 24th to discuss logistics.
- ❖ There was a break in at the cemetery last week. The following items were stolen: generator, 2 metal large gas cans, screw driver and some personal items of Jesse's. Officer Tate is involved in the investigation.
- ❖ April 8th began National Telecommunicator Appreciation Week. We'd like to give a special thanks to those who are more often the first point of contact for the public during an emergency and who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep firefighters, EMS, and police officers up to date and safe. Thank you for doing what you do, it is much appreciated.