Mayor's Report For March 3, 2014 Assembly Meeting

- 1. Vacancy Announcements: There is a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Residents interested in serving as a Planning Commission member until the October, 2014 election should submit a letter of interest to me or the borough clerk.
- **2. Board of Equalization:** The State Assessor's office would like to conduct Board of Equalization on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Chambers. Board of Equalization <u>training</u> will be held immediately before the March 17 regular meeting.
- 3. Mayor/Manager Visit with our Legislators: Manager Giesbrecht and I traveled to Juneau the week of February 16th to discuss Petersburg's capital project needs with our legislators and lobby for funding to renovate our Municipal Building to house the Police Department on the lower floor and the Administration & Finance Departments on the upper floor. In addition, we met with Mike Lushkin of ADOT to discuss the State's position on the 3 state-owned docks within our Borough (Papke's, Kupreanof, and Entrance Island docks). I was also able to testify about the damage by sea otters to our Dungeness crab and other commercial use fish stocks at a House Fisheries Committee meeting.
- **4. New House Representative for Petersburg:** On February 21st, Sam Kito III was appointed by Governor Parnell to fill the Democratic House seat vacated by Beth Kertulla. The House of Representatives confirmed his appointment on February 25th and Kito was sworn in on February 26, 2014.
- 5. Joint Petersburg/Wrangell Letter to SEAPA Regarding TBPA: Petersburg and Wrangell sent a joint letter to SEAPA proposing SEAPA take over the operations and maintenance of the Tyee Hydroelectric Project and requesting SEAPA provide a written proposal with the terms and conditions under which SEAPA would accept the transfer.
- **6. Alaska Public Offices Commission Deadline:** The annual Public Official Financial Disclosure statement must be filed with the Borough Clerk's office and APOC by March 15, 2014. If you hold a seat on the P&Z Commission, the School Board, or the Assembly, you are required to file the POFD.