

**Mayor's Report
For
July 17, 2017 Assembly Meeting**

1. **Municipal Building Dedication:** The Borough held its renovated Municipal Building dedication on July 4, 2017 and gave tours to community members.
2. **Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Borough is seeking letters of interest from Petersburg residents willing to serve our community by filling one vacant seat on the Hospital Board until the October 2017 Municipal Election.

Letters of interest may be addressed to the Borough Clerk and emailed to dthompson@petersburgak.gov, mailed to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, or dropped off at the Borough Administration office at 12 S. Nordic Drive.

3. **Historic Preservation Commission:** The Borough is seeking letters of interest for 3 vacant seats on the Historic Preservation Commission:

Seat 1 is reserved for an Archaeologist or At Large member, and the term of this seat ends 12/31/2017.

Seat 2 is reserved for an Assembly Member with a term ending 12/31/2019.

Seat 3 is reserved for a Planning Commissioner with a term ending 12/31/2018.

Letters of interest may be submitted to the Borough Clerk as outlined earlier in this report.

4. **Appointment of Southeast Conference Representative:** Mark Jensen was the Assembly representative for Southeast Conference. A new representative will need to be appointed.
5. **Citizen Initiative Petitions:** Both the initiative petition regarding the operation and use of off-highway vehicles on Borough-owned and maintained streets and the initiative petition regarding prohibiting the addition of fluoride to the Borough water system were recently certified as sufficient and will therefore be placed on the Municipal election ballot in October.
6. **PILT and SRS Funding:** The Borough received its annual PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) payment for the 2016-17 Budget Year. We budgeted \$550,000, received \$567,532, and have also budgeted to receive it in the 2017-18 Budget Year.

The SRS (Secure Rural Schools - Timber Receipts) Federal Payment has NOT been received, but we knew it was very questionable and did not budget to receive it for 2016-17 or 2017-18. If that money comes in, it goes directly to the Schools. The Borough has never used it for operating funds. The tax increase was due to the anticipation that this money would not be received.

7. **North End Ferry Authority:** Steve Beilgard contacted the Borough recently to introduce himself as the newest member of the 3-person ferry board for the North End Ferry Authority (N.E.F.A.). The Board is inviting the Borough to appoint a local

qualified business person to the North End Ferry Authority (N.E.F.A.) board of directors. Their current plan is to sell the existing ferry and acquire a smaller passenger vessel that is newer, faster, and people friendly. They are looking at a new 40', 36 passenger vessel with three 400hp diesel jet drives. Cruise is 30 plus mph at a 27 gallon per hour burn rate. Their current ferry takes \$1800 per day for captain and deckhand, plus fuel. This vessel will be around \$500 per day to go from Coffman to Wrangell to Petersburg and return the same route.

8. **Special Assembly Meeting:** The Assembly will hold a special meeting at noon on Monday, July 31st. The regularly scheduled meeting on July 3rd was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.
9. **Municipal Elections:** Election Day is October 3rd. Individuals who wish to run for available seats may file for candidacy July 25th through August 22nd. Please contact the clerk's office for more information. The last day to register to vote for this election is September 3rd. Voter registration forms are available at the front desk of the Borough offices.