



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 20 November 2017**

- ❖ Two Medicaid cases at Assisted Living finally came through and we can now back bill four months.
- ❖ Shelyn is working on Provider reenrollment with Medicaid (Federal) and General Relief (State).
- ❖ Most Borough facilities are closed on Thursday 11/23 for Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Small Business Saturday, hosted by Katie Yeckley, will be on 11/25 in the Community Center Gym. Everyone is invited to join in on the shopping fun.
- ❖ We have contracted with Homeport Electronics to work some of the Community Center's technology problems. Devren will present a list of the things we need to get done within the week. Our goal is to switch over to VOIP phones by the end of the year (the school is ending their phone system 12/31/17, which we are currently on). Get our cameras working properly. Fix our loud speaker system. Fix our back-room pool controllers so that they are connecting to the right IP addresses. Run new internet wires from the gym to the aquatic section so that we are working on the Borough's internet instead of a separate system. Fix our Wi-Fi system, and hopefully decrease costs from having dual systems!
- ❖ We have ordered a boom lift from Alaska Fibre to replace some of the aquatic center lights that are out until the replacement project can be scheduled.
- ❖ Officers Wachter and Tate have returned from academy training in Fairbanks. Both represented Petersburg well, finishing 1st & 2nd in their class. Family members of both officers and Captain Hamilton attended the graduation ceremony.
- ❖ Former District Attorney James Scott passed away on 11.11.17. Our condolences to his family.
- ❖ Start up for the new 350 gen set is scheduled for the week of December 11th.
- ❖ Thanks to the line crew which has been getting the lights and decorations for Christmas ready to put up. Between Public Works and Power & Light, the Borough puts in just over a week of time into making the community look festive.
- ❖ Borough electrician Gary Morgan has turned in his resignation he will be leaving on December 8th. Thank you for your help!
- ❖ The Friends of the Library held their Annual General Meeting Oct 21. Thanks to all the Friends for the time they volunteer and the money they raise for Petersburg's libraries. Their monthly book sale continues to have excellent attendance. In addition to supporting many of our youth programming, the Friends also recently made a \$4,000 donation to the story pole/shelter project scheduled for 2018.

- ❖ December programs in the works include lots of kids activities and both an author event and painting class with local artist Janine Gibbons.
- ❖ Glorianne spent a morning with a group of PHS students explaining services provided by the Harbor Dept. Kids were interested in what skills are needed to work in the various positions.
- ❖ Harbor Staff is working with 3 Search and Rescue volunteers to learn how to operate the Harbor Security boat. We are happy to have a few more operators available for emergencies soon.
- ❖ Public Works Staff completed the pipe work on the Pump Station 7 force main replacement on November 9th. The new force main is in service and is working well. Staff continues to clean up the road shoulder as best they can in consideration of the freezing weather, but we will return in the spring for the final dress up and to patch driveways with concrete. We thank the residents along this stretch of road for their patience. We also want to recognize the City and Borough of Wrangell's Public Works Department for allowing us to borrow their pipe fusion machine when our rented machine failed in the middle of the project.
- ❖ Water staff recently had the Alaska Rural Water Association technicians in Petersburg to test and certify various backflow preventers that are part of the water system. The ARWA provides this service at a discount to its members which saves the water utility money annually.
- ❖ Rainforest Contracting's sub-contractor, Reid Brother's Construction, completed the demolition at the PMPL Retaining Wall project. Karl is working with Electric Power Systems on a design-build project to install the electrical components for this work.
- ❖ The PMPL Remodel project is proceeding well. The contractor has shifted focus to demolition of existing concrete footings to make way for new footings for the front of the building and a new parking lot retaining wall at the back of the building. Chris Gianotti, Structural Engineer with PND Engineers, recently visited the site to inspect the new beams that will carry the second-floor corner above the building cutout. He was happy with the contractor's work so far.