



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 06 February 2017**

- ❖ PIA recently agreed to help perform snow removal from fire hydrants. This service is greatly appreciated!
- ❖ Public Works staff has been dealing with various frozen water lines, broken water meters and frozen culverts.
- ❖ Sam Jackson passed his CDL testing and Martin Odegaard upgraded to a Class A CDL last week. Congrats to these employees. The Borough had to agree to pay all expenses to bring a CDL Road Examiner to town as the State's budget cuts have resulted in a freeze of DMV travel to rural communities. Two Borough employees were tested and two other locals were tested.
- ❖ Sanitation staff has been working on getting all of our waste oil burners up and running. The bigger burner had some issues with the heat exchanger being corroded and it was patched successfully and is now burning. The burners are the Borough's method of disposing of the used oil from the harbor so it is important that sanitation burn all winter to be able to provide storage for the harbor's oil in the spring. The Harbor collects roughly 12,000 gallons of used oil a year which the Baler burns.
- ❖ A surplus equipment auction was successful in selling three vehicles and various other pieces of equipment. Another auction will take place this spring and some of the more specialized equipment like the bucket truck and sweeper will be put into online government auctions to reach a larger bidding audience.
- ❖ Motorola is onsite 1/30/17 – 2/2/17 to train dispatchers on the new radio system. The new Fire / EMS frequency has been installed. Preliminary results show dramatically increased range and local coverage.
- ❖ Joe B. preparing to cover municipal building inspection duties during contractor's vacation starting Feb 3. Currently, he is conducting walk-thru's and creating preliminary punch lists with inspector, particularly for finish work and ADA requirements.
- ❖ Ongoing effort to increase borough's municipal land entitlement got a boost with introduction of legislation on both Senate and House side. First hearing was Feb 2nd.
- ❖ Joint meeting with Harbor Board to review alternatives for development of Scow Bay was well attended and resulted in good conversation about planning for future needs and expansion at that site. Next public meeting will likely include a preferred alternative.

- ❖ Property Assessment Notices will be mailed on March 1st. Land values within town have been revalued and if you live within the original Petersburg town site it is very likely that your land value has changed. This is the area between downtown, north Nordic, Sandy Beach and Haugen Drive. Please make sure you open your mail and look at it. The ONLY chance you have to appeal this value is the month of March. Appeal forms can be found on the borough's website on the Finance Department page. Next year, the remainder of service area 1 will be revalued.
- ❖ We will be having a sales tax audit on April 3rd. BDO, the Borough's auditors, will be performing the audit. Sixteen businesses have been selected to participate, they will be notified in the next few weeks.
- ❖ In the final stages of the foreclosure process for 2014 taxes. Five parcels remain unpaid. They have until February 27th to redeem by paying 2014 taxes and fees.
- ❖ Proposed budgets are due from department heads and community organizations by February 15th.
- ❖ Working on schedule for Firefighter-1 course. Hopefully we will have enough interest to complete this course and get some new volunteers.
- ❖ A committee was formed to move forward with ideas to recruit new volunteers and retain current volunteers. Currently, number of available people to respond is low.
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance has been concentrating on upgrades on the South Harbor potable water system. Age related wear and tear has resulted in pedestal connections failings. Aging heat trace is also getting replaced to ensure the pedestals don't freeze up during cold weather.
- ❖ Reminders were sent out early in the month to users for their renewal of Drive Down Facility permits.
- ❖ Harbor staff is working on the 2017 Tourship schedule and it looks like numbers of stops are up compared to the last few years. We are working with one company to use the face of the Drive Down Float for approx. 12 stops on a trial bases, they have agreed to work the Harbor and come in on days the fishing fleet should be out.
- ❖ Run for Chocolate is at 9am on February 11th. No pre-registration is required. Show up Saturday morning at the Community Center with your favorite chocolate dessert. The first person to finish receives first pick of the chocolate.
- ❖ The next Lifeguard class will be February 17th through the 19th.
- ❖ The Library has just launched online fine payment. Customers can now log in to their library account online and pay fines with a credit card.
- ❖ Through the month of February the Library will be having a 'read away your fines' program. For every 15 minutes customers read in the library, they can have \$1 in fines waived.
- ❖ Thank you to the Library's Group of Advisory Teens (GOAT) members that do the KFSK GOAT Radio show every Friday. The show has been running weekly for 5 years and is currently hosted by Noah Sullivan, Melanie Chase, Althea Malone, Liam Demko, Joelys Lopez, Jasmine Ieremia and Avery Sakamoto.