



Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 19 March 2018 / 2 April 2018

- ❖ The Siren Installers will be in Petersburg on March 15. Hope to have 3 (two additional) sirens fully functional by March 22. The PMPL line crew is planning to install poles at the ball field and Hungerford Hill.
- ❖ The Local Emergency Planning Committee and LeMay Engineering held an Open Meeting on March 1st regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan re-write. Now in Federal Review. Hope to have to the Borough Assembly in early May for Adoption.
- ❖ The Fire Dept sponsored "Survival Skills for the First Responder" training on March 3rd. There were 21 people in attendance representing Fire, EMS, SAR, AK State Trooper, and Office of Children's Services.
- ❖ ProComm installed the grant purchased interoperable radios into the Fire Apparatus and Ambulances.
- ❖ Firefighter 1 training is ongoing with 4 students.
- ❖ Thank You to Petersburg Fisheries, TU, and H&W for the Community Brunch to benefit the Fire Dept.
- ❖ The Planning Commission considered some 30 amendments in its final review of the new development code on March 6th. All of the amendments and the full text of the code are available on the borough website. Public comments can still be submitted for consideration by the Assembly. The Borough Assembly will consider the proposed new code on April 2nd, April 16th and May 7th.
- ❖ City Creek Dam Rehabilitation project has been advertised. A pre-bid meeting was held on March 8th. There is a good amount of interest in the project so far. The bid opening will be on March 22nd.
- ❖ Design of the Scow Bay Pump Station #1 has restarted. The project was held up by property ownership/construction easement concerns, but the design will focus on keeping the bulk of the construction within the state right of way, instead of encroaching on private property.
- ❖ The PMPL Remodel project is looking good. The contractor has completed window and door trim, installation of the suspended ceiling, 2nd floor carpeting and electrical trim. Cabinets and countertops are shipping this week and plumbers will return soon to finish the reinstall of the hot water heater and other plumbing fixtures. Substantial completion will be achieved by the end of March and the department will be developing a plan to move back into the space in April. Exterior siding work that has been held up by snow and ice will commence on March 19th.
- ❖ The 350-generator project is complete. Technicians from Pacific Power came to town on March 5th and replaced the generating end of the unit (to correct the slop in the coupling) and replaced the cracked oil pan. David Buss with EPS came in on the 7th and completed all testing and commissioning. The unit is online, and the power plant and municipal building are covered with standby power in the event of an outage.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro Evaluation project is progressing. McMillen Jacobs (engineering firm) has received various documents, plans and photos for review and made the first site visit on March 15th. A second visit

to perform testing of various components will be scheduled for later in the spring.

- ❖ The department is addressing FERC inspection requirements by moving forward with the hiring of the same consultant that was used for the last effort. The regulatory inspection of the hydro is scheduled for this summer.
- ❖ The new electrician, Jed Warnke, is busy learning his job. Training has commenced on operation of the power plant and hydro – as well as performance of inspections, metering line orders and general orientation to the utility. Jed is working out well and is a great addition to the Borough.
- ❖ Karina Madrid has been hired to fill an open dispatch slot after the hiring board recommended her for selection. Karina's start date will be 3/16/18. Welcome to our team. Thanks to Debbie Thompson, Erica Kludt-Painter, Ashley Kawashima, Sgt. Holmgrain and Sgt. Kerr for staffing the hiring board. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. We also appreciate the other applicants who competed in the process.
- ❖ Sgt. Holmgrain coordinated with the state to provide needed Criminal Justice Information System training during the week of March 5th. Dispatchers were able to receive training not previously provided. Trainers were also able to assist with closing a few gaps that were recently discovered. Special thanks to Paula Davis of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Programs Auditor for traveling to Petersburg to provide the training. Staff with access to the police department will be required to submit to a background check and complete a short training on information security.
- ❖ Sgt. Kerr met with emergency planning officials to discuss school specific concerns on March 1st.
- ❖ Two intercom stations at the PD have failed. Simplex-Grinnell will be here the week of 3/19 to repair.
- ❖ Scoop the Poop at Sandy Beach (weather permitting) will be March 24th from 1-3pm. We invite all dog owners and anyone else interested to come out and join us in cleaning up Sandy Beach. There will be a BBQ afterward from 3-4 for all volunteers.
- ❖ Ducky Dive is March 31st from 1-3pm. Cost is \$10 per child. All ducks plucked from the water have a number on them with a corresponding prize. An open swim occurs directly after the event for all participants. Ages 0-12 are welcome. The Emblem Club will also be offering a lunch from 12-1pm for all Ducky Dive participants.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Focus is on preventative maintenance at Parks & Rec. The HVAC1 system is fixed however we are bringing down the installers to run a diagnostic of our system and review operational protocols with our team.
- ❖ Harbor Staff continues to work with the USACE on the South Harbor feasibility study.
- ❖ We have noticed some water damage on the exterior of the Harbor Officer. Staff is working to repair the south side of the building.
- ❖ Staff is noticing an increase in stall renewals earlier this year. Also getting quite a few more inquiring about summer transient moorage.