



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 02 October 2017**

Parks and Rec and Library

- ❖ The library has been awarded a Rasmuson Grant for the construction of a Story Pole in front of the library. It will be a non-traditional pole inspired by nursery rhymes and carved by master Tlingit carver Tommy Joseph (Sitka). 35% of the funding from the project comes from the Rasmuson Foundation, the remainder is from private donations to the library. Installation is tentatively scheduled for late spring 2018.
- ❖ The Centennial Park signs have been installed. In addition to the trailhead signs at the top and bottom, there is also an interpretive sign commemorating the site as the home of early pioneers Harold and Magnhild Lee and acknowledging that the land for Centennial Park was given by Eldor and Polly Lee in 2010 in honor of Petersburg's Centennial.
- ❖ The lighting RFP for the Aquatic Center is due 10/5, the pre-proposal brought to "light" many questions and addendum #2 should be out soon.
- ❖ Ira installed the new basketball scoreboard.

Police Department and Fire/EMS/Search and Rescue

- ❖ Ryan and 3 Volunteers are attended the Alaska State Firefighters Association (ASFA) Fire Conference in Sitka Sept 25-30.
- ❖ Junior Firefighter program has 9 students.
- ❖ Chief Swihart and Capt. Hamilton met with Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Craig Stowers, on 9/21/17, regarding safety and security at the court house. Magistrate Judge Desi Burrell, Clerk Brandy Boggs, area court administrators, and Trooper Cody Litster also attended.
- ❖ SEACAD Board meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2017, in Juneau. Capt. Hamilton and Chief Swihart will attend. Capt. Hamilton has been appointed to the Board.
- ❖ Chief Swihart will attend the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) meeting in Anchorage in mid-October.

Electric Department

- ❖ Power & Light has temporarily relocated to the Public Works building while renovations are underway.
- ❖ Rainforest Contracting has mobilized, and started the remodel of the Power & Light building.

Harbor Dept.

- ❖ Staff is finalizing the Harbor Conference details scheduled for this week. Thank you to business community members who have been so helpful in preparing for the event! So far we have approx. 80 attendees and are hearing the hotels and B&B's are full!

Mountain View Manor

- ❖ PW successfully placed a lift of surfacing on the Mountain View Manor Assisted Living parking area. The work will make the area much safer for pedestrians in the winter. The crew will also attempt to fix some drainage issues associated with the elderly housing carport area. A huge thank you to Public Works from the Manor for this work.

Finance Department

- ❖ Property taxes are due into the office today, Monday, October 2nd by 5pm.
- ❖ Finance Director Tow has talked to the State Assistant Assessor Ron Brown, about scheduling a Board of Equalization training this winter. Since the State has cut much of their travel budget they are only available to do the meeting by teleconference. It will most likely be in March.

Sanitation Department

- ❖ Karl attended the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting in Haines to meet with the Board of SEASWA.
- ❖ The local scrap metal and junk car roundup is going well. As of September 26th, we have taken in 337,000 lbs of metal from the community – including 15 cars.
- ❖ Staff is working on installation of a new, used-oil burner before winter, which will now include replacement of the exhaust stack that is badly corroded.

Water/Wastewater

- ❖ Water staff recently pigged the raw water line from Cabin Creek to the treatment plant. All went well with this operation to clean the pipeline and maintain design flows to the treatment plant.
- ❖ During recent rain events, WW staff investigated areas suspected of Inflow and Infiltration into the sewer system and located several significant issues to fix – some of which have already been addressed. Cutting down on storm water that enters the sanitary sewer system reduces costs to pump and treat the overall wastewater flow to the wastewater treatment plant.

Community and Economic Development

- ❖ The State of Alaska has notified us they have adopted newer versions of the Uniform Building Codes. Within Service Area one, Petersburg is now enforcing the 2012 versions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Fire Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code and the 2014 National Electric Code. For more information, contact Joe Bertagnoli, Borough Building Official.

Motor Pool & Public Works

- ❖ MP staff performed a repair on the Wrangell bucket truck that PMPL was borrowing. Wrangell Power & Light is happy with the arrangement and is willing to loan the taller reaching truck as needed by Petersburg. This is very much appreciated by the department and especially the line crew.
- ❖ PW is still hoping to accomplish the Pump Station 7 force main installation prior to winter.
- ❖ PIA graciously offered enrollment into a local motor grading class that was being held for their personnel. The training is free and is being put on by the Alaska Tribal Transportation Assistance Program. Two public works staff members are attending. Thanks to PIA for this opportunity.
- ❖ Reid Brothers Construction successfully completed the crushing of all salvaged asphalt material at the quarry. The contractor did an excellent job and the material will be very useful for road surfacing next year.