



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 8 November 2016**

- ❖ Tamico is a bit behind schedule on the Bulkhead. Substantial completion off by about a week so we are looking at a walk through sometime this week.
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance staff, with some help from Public Works, is working on demolishing an impounded derelict vessel.
- ❖ The Community Center is closed Tuesday 11/11 for Veterans Day and 11/24 for Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Pumpkin Patch Plunge went swimmingly well. 30 more pumpkins were ordered this year than last year. We had a great turn out, many kids participated in the swim, painting the pumpkins and watching the movie.
- ❖ The Recreation Basketball league is coming to an end. Teams have been picked for All Stars. Our first competition was in Wrangell this past weekend, and Wrangell will be competing here 11/12-11/13. We invite the community to come out and show their support for our Petersburg All Stars.
- ❖ Chandra met with Susan Harai & Karl review the PIA long-term plan. This plan interacts with the Borough to assist in maintenance duties on trails, snow removal, and establishes future plans/goals for new trails/projects.
- ❖ The Library submitted the annual statistical report to the State and found that FY16 showed a 20% percent increase in local checkouts over FY15. Library staff checked out over 107,000 items between July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. In part, the increase can be attributed to the library joining the Joint Library Consortium (JLC) in June 2015. This gives our community access to over 2 million items in library collections across Alaska and people in Petersburg seem to be making excellent use of the new service.
- ❖ Matt Bryner is gearing up to put our Christmas lights, the Friends of the Library will provide funding for this annual project.
- ❖ Water heater replacement at the Manor is just waiting on electricians and plumbers schedules to work out.
- ❖ Design drawings for the portico repair will be completed for borough staff to review and comment by the first of next week. Project specifications will be worked on during the month of November and the completed design, specification and bid package will be ready by mid-December.
- ❖ Hiring processes is still underway to fill three corrections officer / dispatch and one police officer position. Testing and selection are scheduled to take place beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Dean Williams, DOC Commissioner visited on 11/4/16 to discuss the Community Jails Program with myself and Chief Swihart.

- ❖ An Altec representative was here for two days, inspecting and certifying our three Altec trucks (Digger-derrick, large bucket, service truck), and providing instruction on the new service truck. In addition, he tested our “hot sticks” to insure their electric integrity.
- ❖ We continue to have power theft issues at Island Park trailer court. However, the recent meeting with the court owners was very productive, and I’m sure there will be improvements made soon.
- ❖ Jody and I met with the Hospital and School to discuss current and future budget challenges. This will be an ongoing meeting that will include a representative from each of the three boards. Eric Castro has agreed to represent the Borough with this group.
- ❖ Liz, Mark, Bob and I attended a meeting with DNR Deputy Commissioner, Ray Matiasowski, and Randy Ruaro to discuss increasing land selection entitlement for Petersburg. Discussed next steps with DNR to move this process forward.
- ❖ Initiating work with Chris Beck of AgnewBeck to revise Title 19, Zoning Code. Met with downtown business/property owners to discuss key characteristics of downtown area and ways to improve code. Met with Planning Commission to discuss ways to streamline permitting procedures.
- ❖ The French drain at the bottom of Surf Street appears to be working well. Recent rain events did not result in any ground water flowing over the South Nordic Sidewalk at that location. The situation will continue to be monitored during heavy rain events.
- ❖ Staff is working on moving an old City storm drain that was installed across private property. This drain was installed across private property at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gjoa Streets without an easement from the property owner. This has been a continual problem for the Borough as high rainfall has threatened to backup into the home’s basement on an annual basis.
- ❖ Staff completed the widening of a turnaround on Cabin Creek Road for the school bus.
- ❖ Water staff is planning for the replacement of meter vault pipe and fittings at Icicle Seafoods later this fall/winter.
- ❖ PND Engineers, the Borough’s consultant for Dam Safety Inspections, has submitted a proposal for designing a rehabilitation project for the City Creek Dam. The design will include a rehab of the spillway as well as required screens for the pipeline intake.
- ❖ Construction of the Pump Station 1 and Force Main Upgrades Phase II project is substantially complete, and the upgraded pump stations and new force main are performing well. Contractor CBC Construction is presently working to resolve the few remaining punch items. A final change order is being put together to address additional work performed by the contractor during the later stages of the project, and will be presented to the Assembly for approval once it is complete.
- ❖ Kevin Granberg has been promoted to fill the vacant Operations Supervisor’s position in Sanitation.