

**Mayor's Report
For
September 18, 2017 Assembly Meeting**

- 1. Historic Preservation Commission:** The Borough is seeking letters of interest for 3 vacant seats on the Historic Preservation Commission:

Seat 1 is reserved for an Archaeologist or At Large member, and the term of this seat ends 12/31/2017.

Seat 2 is reserved for an Assembly Member with a term ending 12/31/2019.

Seat 3 is reserved for a Planning Commissioner with a term ending 12/31/2018.

Letters of interest may be submitted to the Borough Clerk by email to dthompson@petersburgak.gov, by mail to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, or dropped off at the Borough Administration office at 12 S. Nordic Drive.

- 2. North End Ferry Authority:** Steve Beilgard contacted the Borough in July to introduce himself as the newest member of the 3-person ferry board for the North End Ferry Authority (N.E.F.A.). The Board is inviting the Borough to appoint a local qualified business person to the North End Ferry Authority (N.E.F.A.) board of directors. Their current plan is to sell the existing ferry and acquire a smaller passenger vessel that is newer, faster, and people friendly. They are looking at a new 40', 36 passenger vessel with three 400hp diesel jet drives. Cruise is 30 plus mph at a 27 gallon per hour burn rate. Their current ferry takes \$1800 per day for captain and deckhand, plus fuel. This vessel will be around \$500 per day to go from Coffman to Wrangell to Petersburg and return the same route. Any interested business person can submit a letter of interest to the Borough Clerk as outlined above.
- 3. Municipal Elections:** Election Day is October 3, 2017. **Write-In Candidates:** The window to file as a candidate and have your name printed on this year's ballot has closed; however, qualified Borough residents may file with the Borough Clerk a letter of intent to run as a write-in candidate for any open seat other than Mayor or Assembly Member. Letters of intent forms are available from the Clerk's office at 12 S. Nordic Drive and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. September 29, 2017. **Absentee Voting:** Absentee voting will be available beginning Wednesday, September 13, 2017, in the conference room of the Municipal Building, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will end Monday, October 2, 2017 at noon.
- 4. Public Presentation and Reception for Norwegian Ambassador, Kare Aas:** The public is invited to attend a welcome reception hosted by the Sons of Norway Board of Directors for Norwegian Ambassador Kare Aas. At the reception, Ambassador Aas will give a presentation titled "Norway's Priorities in the Arctic". The reception will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Hall.