



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 22 February 2021**

- ❖ Sandy continues to work with PMC on vaccinations and asymptomatic testing. She also was able to adjust our Fire Station protocols for COVID. The Fire Station is now open with restrictions, including the training room not available for public use, and no station tours for groups of more than five. Visitors and members are subject to temperature checks and COVID screening questions and must wear face coverings
- ❖ Two fire engines, one ambulance, several personal vehicles, and 16 department members responded to the fire on 2/16. After the fire, the crew came back to the Fire Station and spent quite a bit of time cleaning and servicing equipment to get the engine back in service. Thanks goes to those volunteers who selflessly got out of bed and were late to work so that they could help. Also, a special thanks goes out to, Mark and Kirsten Testoni for their hospitality to the 3 people who escaped the fire, and the responders on the scene.
- ❖ Parks and Rec will be hosting another Lifeguard Class with Aaron Hankins during Spring Break. Please contact Stephanie Payne at Parks and Rec at 772-5445 or spayne@petersburgak.gov.
- ❖ The library will be closed Tuesday Feb 23-Thursday Feb 25 for annual inventory and maintenance.
- ❖ Homeport Electronics has replaced and upgraded all of the library's interior video cameras. The exterior cameras will be done in the next month. Also, thanks to Mattingly Electric and Raincountry Contracting for their help on getting the library's snowmelt system back online.
- ❖ AHFC Rent Relief Program is Accepting Applications - Petersburg renters that make less than \$63,920 a year may be eligible for relief payments for rent and/or utilities for up to a year, including rent that is past due. Applications will be accepted until March 5 at 11:59 p.m. Additional information is available by calling or texting the word "relief" to 1-833-440-0420. Check your eligibility and apply today at: alaskahousingrelief.org
- ❖ Outcomes from the Borough's CARES Act Nonprofit & Childcare Provider Grants - Based on reports from grant recipients, these grant funds covered: 32.5 months of employee payroll; 9.5 months of rent/mortgage; 23 months of utility service; Purchase of PPE's – and purchase of other operating supplies.
- ❖ Outcomes from the Borough's CARES Act Childcare Assistance for Families Grant –Approximately 60 families assisted. An average of 47 children per month between September and December. Thank you to Petersburg Mental Health Services for administering this program.
- ❖ Municipal Entitlement - DNR issued a Preliminary Decision on 1,832 acres of state-owned land selected by Petersburg under the municipal entitlement program. The DNR is proposing to convey 1,452 acres, postpone conveyance of 218 acres, and reject conveyance of 143 acres. Comments on the preliminary decision are due on March 12th.

- ❖ Visitor Industry Management Plan- PEDC released a final version of the Visitor Industry Management Plan. It may be downloaded from the borough website:
https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/index.asp?SEC=14D9EA61-B83D-4795-8123-38766335FADA&DE=BAD70FF0-6A0B-49C3-A81D-0AA7B8394353&Type=B_BASIC
- ❖ The Inmate video visitation is being installed at the PD shortly.
- ❖ The 3rd grade came to the Police Department for a tour of the PD & Jail and of course the Police Vehicles. The Petersburg Police Department thanks the 3rd grade for the Thank You letters.
- ❖ Petersburg Police received its certification letter from the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement. This is a new requirement as part of the Executive Order on Safe Policing. The certification is good for three years and makes us eligible for Federal Grants. The certified departments will all be listed on a database with the Department of Justice.
- ❖ Wastewater staff found a leak in the small force main on the Dock Street pier that is used by the Coast Guard to pump black water from their vessels into the wastewater collection system. They have come up with a plan for repairs and parts are on order.
- ❖ A large ground water leak at the manhole connection from Bayview Estates on Hungerford Hill was located by staff. The subdivision owner and their contractor were notified of the need to correct this condition.
- ❖ The PMPL mechanic flew up to Crystal Lake Dam to replace a heater that was not keeping up with the near zero temperatures in the valve house. The new heater is working well to prevent any freezing conditions with the equipment.
- ❖ Peak loading of the regional and local electrical systems reached all-time highs during the recent cold snap. SEAPA recorded a peak of just over 46 megawatts and Petersburg recorded a peak of 13.1 megawatts. Lakes are still showing healthy water levels.
- ❖ Property Assessments will be mailed at the end of the month. Property owners will have one month to review and appeal. Appeal forms can be found on the borough's website.
- ❖ Harbor staff has been working with USACE setting up logistics for SH dredge sampling as required by EPA. The USACE is hoping EPA will ok sampling to occur in late April early May and will require upwards of 9 months to complete the testing of soil samples. At this point the dredge project has been pushed to fall/winter of 2022.
- ❖ Medicaid Audit completed and in the mail to the State, and Shelyn is working on the recertification due March 1.
- ❖ Quilt raffle was on 2/14/2021. A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported our deck project.
☺ Nine beautiful quilts were given homes.
- ❖ Last week at EH we had a pipe in the wall behind a resident shower fixture spring a leak which turned into a geyser. (not cold related) Thanks to Brian Haley and Ty Cummins who came to the rescue.