



**PETERSBURG**  
**A L A S K A**  
**Borough Manager's Report**  
**Assembly Meeting 15 November 2021**

- ❖ Ryan continues to work on the Fire Engine specifications with a team from the Volunteers.
- ❖ The Volunteers; Fire, EMS, and SAR are participating in virtual training due to COVID surge in Petersburg.
- ❖ REMINDER: Parks and Recreation is working on placing a light at the Ice Skate Pond. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board or Stephanie Payne with comments or input.
- ❖ Visitation suspended at Assisted Living due to the recent Covid outbreak. Call 772-2445 with any questions. We hope to be open soon!
- ❖ The residents of Mountain View Manor would like to thank Pastor Erik Olsen and his wife for ministering to our residents over the years. We will miss him and wish him well in his retirement.
- ❖ Moderna booster shots were given by PMC to residents that wanted them at assisted living on Friday 11/12.
- ❖ We continue to be short staffed in multiple departments due to the most recent outbreak. This includes the PD, Dispatch, Public Works, the Motor Pool, and Parks & Rec.
- ❖ Equipment is ready for snow removal, and we have plans in place to cover snow removal routes if the need occurs before we are up to full staff levels.
- ❖ The Motor Pool Shop Repair project is progressing well. Interior paint is nearly complete and next steps will be installation of mechanical and electrical fixtures and equipment, including the new overhead crane.
- ❖ Sanitation is working on a plan for transitioning recycling pickups to every-other-week instead of weekly. The changeover will take place after the holiday season and will be advertised for several weeks beforehand.
- ❖ We are looking into bringing an overhead door specialist to town to evaluate and repair the various garage doors at several Borough facilities. Many of these doors have developed problems over the years and our intention is to put together a plan to get them all working properly again. This may involve budgeting for replacement of some older doors that are in poor condition.
- ❖ Molly is working with a contractor to acquire last of data needed for PD's E911 system.
- ❖ Federal agencies holding briefings on the new infrastructure bill. Liz has been attending the relevant ones.
- ❖ Petersburg residents have received over \$725,000 in rental and utility payments through the Alaska Housing Rent Relief Program. Alaska Housing is getting closer to announcing its Homeowner Assistance Program. Homeowners experience financial difficulties due to Covid19 are encouraged to sign up to receive program updates at: [alaskahousingrelief.org/homeowners](http://alaskahousingrelief.org/homeowners)

- ❖ The Harbor is working with Tamico and Thomas Mercer to sleeve a compromised pile in South Harbor.
- ❖ Thank you to harbor users for paying attention to vessels during stormy weather. Please continue to notify the Harbor Office if you plan on being out of town and provide us with your boat watching contact info.
- ❖ The library is currently offering curbside service. People can place holds in our online catalog or call us and we will have their item available for pickup M-Sat 11:30am-1:30pm.
- ❖ Library is working with a graphic designer and Homeport Electronics to create a sign for the Helmi Jensen Community Room. Installation is scheduled for later this month.
- ❖ Dr. Tuccillo and Chief Kerr have been visiting local businesses to talk about virus safety and encouraging them to support the Borough's mask mandate. There are still some organizations that are refusing to support the mandate.
- ❖ Andrew Ayriss, Carl Tate, Eric Wolf and James Kerr received SWAT 1 Certified Operator status on the following.

- High Risk Warrants
- SWAT Team concepts
- Room clearing
- High Risk Warrant planning and execution
- Mechanical breaching
- Breach point procedures
- Distraction device deployment and certification
- Tactical firearms training
- Barricade subject operations
- Stealth search techniques
- Chemical munitions deployment
- Introduction and practical application of the K9 in the SWAT mission

- ❖ Andrew Ayriss, Carl Tate, Eric Wolf and James Kerr also received SWAT 2 Certified Operator status on the following.

- Hostage Rescue Team
- Individual and team movements
- Surgical firearms training (Sniper)
- Strong hold options
- Stealth to contact
- Open air options
- Mobile option
- Covered Pile tactics
- Vehicle assaults
- Tactical rescue
- Tubular assaults
- Tactical movement under Night Vision Goggles

- ❖ SWAT 1&2 certification will better assist the Petersburg Community in the event of a crisis. Other members of the department will be trained on the topics by the 4 who attended the training.