



Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 10 September 2015

- ❖ Staff will be installing a new fire hydrant next to Piston and Rudder as requested by the Fire department and in conjunction with the road work.
- ❖ Dave Carlson, has agreed to donate two old cement mixers to the wastewater department to use as composters. The trucks are in pretty rough shape but the mixer drums are serviceable and that is what we need to convert to rotary composters. The next step is to get the mixers from 7 mile to the treatment plant to start the modification process.
- ❖ There was a small landslide next to the road leading to the Cabin Creek Dam. The water line is not in any danger but public works will perform some work at the site this fall to keep the road safe.
- ❖ The annual landfill inspection report was recently received. The landfill received a score of 87% this year. The issues most in need of addressing are standing water at the edge of the landfill and sludge seeps from the recently capped sludge monofill site. Other issues include a need for additional focus on safety for salvage operations and the need to store collected lead acid batteries indoors. Overall, the landfill was praised as a good operation and we received bonus points for our recycling program, operating a mandatory sanitation service and operating a successful fee-based enterprise fund.
- ❖ Preparations for the recycling transition (to carts) continue to move along behind the scenes. The carts are here and assembled. The truck is projected to arrive in November. Commercial recycling customers will be polled in the near future to plan for continued service and utilization of carts where ever possible.
- ❖ The new street sweeper arrived but had a glitch that was damaging the engine starter on the unit. The owner of the vendor Enviro-Clean Equipment traveled to Petersburg for the training session and is handling the remedy personally. The company paid to ship the unit back to Oregon to investigate and repair the unit in their shop. Once they are fully satisfied that the unit is 100%, they will ship it back to us. Payment is being withheld until the unit is ready to go.
- ❖ SECON's concrete sub-contractor continues to make progress on South Nordic sidewalks. Sidewalk work will continue into the fall with final paving of South Nordic not scheduled until next year.
- ❖ Rock N Road has finished the install of the new force main on South Nordic and is preparing the line for pressure testing.
- ❖ Property taxes are due September 30th in the finance office.
- ❖ Rate increases for Electric Department will be implemented at the end of this month.
- ❖ Mike Renfro, Borough Assessor, was in town for several days last week. His staff arrived on September 8th to work for 7 to 10 days on assessments.

- ❖ We discovered during a routine test that the community warning siren was not working properly. Sandy worked with Gerry Whitethorn to troubleshoot the issues. Siren is now working. Thanks to all involved.
- ❖ The Library is currently surveying the parents of Summer Reading Challenge participants to help improve the program next year. The survey ends Sept 15 and can be found on the library's website (psglib.org).
- ❖ Many of the Rainforest Festival events will be taking place at the library. Notably, Master Haida weaver Delores Churchill will be teaching a 2 day basket weaving workshop.
- ❖ The Library is planning for their annual closure Sept 21 & 22. They will be doing an inventory of our DVD/CD collections, moving some shelves in the children's area for better supervision, shifting shelving in the foyer and recoating the entryway/rest room slate floors.
- ❖ Stairway at City Creek has been removed (thank you to the Public Works Crew for your help and thanks to Dave and Pam too.) and we are evaluating the possibility of creating a short landing pad as an outlook for that spot.
- ❖ The Public Works crew is beginning the cemetery utilities project. We appreciate their help and Power and Light on this project.
- ❖ We are still working on trying to schedule a meeting with Little League to discuss options for next year's ball fields. The Borough has eliminated the seasonal maintenance position that handled this task (and others). The School has been kept in the loop as well.
- ❖ The SEAPA meeting originally scheduled for September 23-24 here in Petersburg has been rescheduled to September 14th-15th. To accommodate travel from the other communities, the "one-day" meeting begins in the afternoon of the first day, and reconvenes the following morning; allowing board members to catch the afternoon jet.
- ❖ The low-level outlet valve at the Crystal Lake dam was exercised on the 26th. This valve is only used during an emergency to quickly lower the level of the lake, and was last used during the 1997 penstock break. However, FERC had asked that we operate it to verify its integrity. The test was successful.
- ❖ Randy Holmgrain was selected for promotion to sergeant with an effective date of 9/1/15. Ofc. John Dodson has arrived and is settling in. Kent Preston has accepted the final officer position and is due to be in town in early September.
- ❖ All DMV equipment has been turned over to Petersburg Vehicle Title and Registration. DMV services at PPD have ceased.
- ❖ There has been an increase in alcohol related incidences in town. ABC has asked for reports to be forwarded for their review.
- ❖ Commercial psilocybin mushroom grow located. The investigation is continuing, with three defendants identified. In addition another defendant was indicted for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree. This investigation also led to an indictment and arrest warrant for Sexual Abuse of a Minor. The defendant has been taken into custody. Bail is currently set at \$100,000.
- ❖ Hoonah Police Department sent two officers and k-9 to assist with above drug investigations. The assistance and use of the k-9 was greatly appreciated.