

Mayor's Corner

April 2018

Major accomplishments for March. *Administration: completed insurance risk assessment audit; Police: passed the Academy mid-term; Treasurer: completed draft of budget; Fire and Rescue: first responder completed training; Public Works: effectively dealt with electrical fire in pump at lift station; Council: voted to develop an agreement so that the school can use Mac Field for girls' softball; Mayor: instituted code enforcement process.*

Weyerhaeuser. The Town team will meet with Weyerhaeuser to discuss the forest harvest plan for the segment to be harvested this spring along the Butte Falls Road to Hukill Creek. (map of harvest area available at the town hall)

Seismic Retrofit of Fire Hall. We held a walk-through of the project for those contractors interested in bidding. The Contractor Review Team: Mayor Linda Spencer, Fire Chief Jeff Gorman, and Councilor Trish Callahan will be reviewing the proposals and choosing a contractor by the end of March. RVCOG project manager Lisa Martsen has done a wonderful job moving the project along.

Lift Station. The lift station is located at 535 Laurel Avenue. It is responsible for lifting the sewage for about 2/3 of the town to assist the flow into the sewage treatment plant. On Sunday, March 10, we experienced an electrical fire in the pump at the lift station. This pump had failed about 6 months ago and was rebuilt. Fortunately, the fuses blew and the fire was contained. There was little damage. The pump was under warranty is being fixed.

Budget. Budget officer Katie Misfeldt is working with the auditor to regroup budget lines to conform with standard accounting procedures. We are hoping that once you get used to the new structure the budget will be more understandable and transparent. We are planning to hold quarterly budget updates throughout the year so that you will be more informed of funding progress and any funding issues. The Budget will be available at Town Hall on April 25. The first Public Hearing will be May 16, 7:00pm in the Community Hall followed by a Budget Committee meeting.

Police Department. Police candidate Josh Solenberger passed his mid-term and physical with excellent grades and is eagerly entering the final half of his police academy training. His graduation is May 11. Representatives from the town will attend.

Dog Ordinance. This revised ordinance will be posted on the usual bulletin boards and on Facebook. Dogs are not permitted to run-at-large on public streets and alleys but must be controlled by a leash. Stiff fines and penalties have been put in place. We are in process of putting measures in place to implement the revised ordinance.

Code Enforcement. Because we do not have a code enforcement officer, the council and the mayor will take up those responsibilities. We hope to ensure any code violations that affect the public health, peace and/or safety are addressed. The council will determine the priority properties in violation of codes that require action. The mayor will prepare and serve a "notice of violation". The notice requires that corrective action be completed by a certain date or a citation will be issued sending the person to the Butte Falls Municipal Court for resolution. The first council work session to determine priority properties for enforcement activity is set for Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00pm at the community hall.