



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 16 June 2014

- ❖ Transient boaters are excited about the new facility. About half are having issue with the electric meters. All have requested WiFi hook up.
- ❖ Recycling program is set up with individual vessels through the Harbor Office. Staff hands out the blue bags and requires the participants to return the filled bags back at the Harbor Office for Wed's pickup. Will monitor the program throughout the summer and expand if needed.
- ❖ Public shower in the Harbor is out of order, major plumbing issues as a result of age and amount of constant use has staff working with local plumber to replace the hard to find industrial fittings etc. Hopefully will be up and running in the next week or so.
- ❖ PFI has asked to use our spare transformer through this season. Power & Light put it in service when theirs failed this spring. Permission was granted, and the new replacement unit is here and will be installed this fall.
- ❖ The community gymnasium will be closed July 11th – 20th for our annual gymnasium floor recoat.
- ❖ Property tax invoices will go out no later than July 1st.
- ❖ Writing up budget policies to help aid in creating future budgets, along with considering using a biennial budget process beginning next year. We would be starting the budget process earlier by about a month to allow the Assembly and the Public more time to ask questions and be involved in the process.
- ❖ There has been some discussion at times regarding the possibility of lowering the mill rate for certain properties in the Frederick Point East subdivision and vicinity. This process must start with the property owners as outlined in the Borough Charter. They can speak to the Clerk's office or me for assistance on how the Charter handles this type of action.
- ❖ Sandy met with Steve Berry and John Murgas regarding Mr. Berry's lease at Scow Bay and concerns due to the proximity of his boundary and that of the Fire Dept training facilities (buried water tank and burn tower). They will work through the details.
- ❖ EMS volunteers trained with Jim Birch (Harbor staff) and the "Harbor Security Boat" in preparation for off island calls.
- ❖ Chief Swihart and Investigator Rosse participated in the Coast Guard's Alaska Marine Security Committee Counterdrug teleconference on 5/29. Teleconference focused on collaborative efforts between local, state and federal agencies.

- ❖ Spillman, a Records Management Systems company visited June 10 & 11 to demonstrate software for dispatch, police, fire, EMS and jail records management.
- ❖ Officer Popp facilitated a bicycle rodeo 51 2nd and 3rd graders from the elementary school. Safety and maintenance were covered and a road course was included.
- ❖ Cpt. Hamilton, Sgt. Kerr and Officer King participated in marine marksmanship training in Wrangell and also did some familiarization training with the security boat.
- ❖ Juvenile Justice Authorities inspected our facility the first week of June. No procedural deficiencies were noted, but they are looking forward to our new facility.
- ❖ Congratulations to Ron Ware who will succeed Tom Lutton as Foreman of the street crew. Him and the crew will have their hands full with a long list of projects including; lowering of handrails on Birch Street bridge; a culvert installation on Unimak St.; remainder of Rasmus Enge Bridge work; decommissioning of the old Pump Station 5 site and some known water and sewer system repairs. In addition they still need to keep the normal grading and dust control efforts underway.
- ❖ Overall recycling rate for baled waste vs. recyclables is at 24%. Quite a jump from the 2012 rate of 11% and still climbing.
- ❖ Rock N Road has been working on the Landfill Slope Stabilization project and is making good progress. At this time they have shaped the landfill slopes and hydro seeded them. Also, rock has been hauled to the site to build our scrap metal work pad.
- ❖ The annual Household Hazardous Waste event held on May 31 and June 1 was a success! Over 41 drums of and 6 large cartons were removed from the community.
- ❖ The new grader has been ordered. Estimated to be delivered in July. Due to a new control system on this grader, a simulator will be delivered to Petersburg in late June so that our operators can be trained on the new controls prior to the grader arriving.
- ❖ The PMPL crew truck replacement should be arriving in Petersburg next week. Motor Pool will work on transferring the truck bed and dump hoist as soon as it arrives.