



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 22 February 2016**

- ❖ Warranty work on the Scow Bay No. 1 generator began last week, and continued through the weekend. We hope to have it back on line early this week. Our mechanic, Bob Ziemke, is working with three MTU mechanics to perform this work.
- ❖ Public Works Staff has mobilized to the Mitkof Sales site to start demolition of the structure. The concrete floor slab will be left in place for the time being and removed just before SECON is able to pave the site. This work must be done to encapsulate the contaminated soil under the slab. A portion of the parking lot will be blocked off during the work to keep everyone safe.
- ❖ We are working in the quarry to free up shot rock from our shot embankment for spring/summer projects.
- ❖ Thanks goes out to Cris Morrison for his donation of rotary composter parts and equipment as well as his insight on converting concrete mixers to composters. Staff is VERY appreciative of help.
- ❖ Water staff was recently able to drive all the way to the Cabin Creek Reservoir for inspection of the dam. This is remarkable for this time of year as there is usually 3-4 feet of snow on the reservoir road in February.
- ❖ Proposals are due for replacement of the baler conveyor structure and belt on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It was discovered recently that the project is viewed by the AK Dept. of Labor to be a construction project, not a maintenance project. This puts additional cost to the project by requiring the use of prevailing wages and DOL filing fees. It also requires the Borough to utilize the State's Alaskan Preference statute which may reduce the number of respondents dramatically.
- ❖ Harai and Associates is working on permitting and design of an open top container loading bulkhead at the baler facility. They will be attempting to permit the work with the Corps of Engineers by way of a Nationwide Permit for government facility expansion. It is hoped that this possibility will reduce the timeline for receipt of a permit for the project.
- ❖ The motor pool staff will soon start assembly of the flatbed and transfer of the crane from the old power plant mechanic truck to the new cab and chassis. The build is being delayed after it was discovered that the old crane mount would require a large amount of labor to remove from the old flatbed. To reduce overall costs for the transfer, a new crane pedestal was ordered for installation of the old crane on the new truck.
- ❖ The first new patrol SUV has arrived. Captain Hamilton flew to Anchorage and drove the unit to Haines at a savings to the bottom line for the unit. The second patrol SUV should arrive in Anchorage during the first week in March and is scheduled to be ready for delivery or pick up on the first of April.

- ❖ SECON recently made contact regarding their spring start up on the ADOT project. Due to the mild winter, they plan to mobilize back to Petersburg on March 21 and re-start construction on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like the first order of business will be to complete the concrete pavement between Haugen Drive and the Louis Miller Bridge on Hammer Slough. SECON will re-start their public information campaign well in advance of the work so the community knows what is in the works.
- ❖ The Firefighter 1 Course was scheduled to start on February 13th. We did not get any new volunteers.
- ❖ The Emergency Trauma Technician Course will begin on February 28th. We continue to see a shortage of volunteers in both the Fire and EMT areas. May result in having to reevaluate our service delivery options for these critical areas.
- ❖ Ducky Dive, youth girl's basketball, and fitness classes continue to become our focus in Programming and Parks & Rec.
- ❖ Donnie and his staff continue to work on the Alaska Parks and Recreation Conference which will be in Petersburg in September of this year.
- ❖ New tax map books for the borough assessor have been completed.
- ❖ Liz is working on grants for the Children's Center expansion project.
- ❖ Congratulations to Mindy Anderson, who is this year's winner of the "Path to Prosperity Business Plan Contest". Her business, Salty Pantry Market & Deli, won \$40,000 in technical assistance to help launch her business.
- ❖ Throughout March the library will be hosting a community art project. Teens and adults are invited to join Doris Olsen in making a permanent art installation for the library's Teen Room. This project is a STEAM (science, technology, education, art & math) initiative and is made possible with grants from the Petersburg Community Foundation and the Institute for Museum and Library Services.
- ❖ Landscaping is tentatively scheduled to begin in April, with hardscaping & rockwork in April and planting in May.
- ❖ Property assessments go out at the end of the month. Property owners will have one month to appeal their assessment. Appeal forms can be found on the borough's website.
- ❖ Staff assisted the US Coast Guard with their annual dockside exams last week. Over 50 exams were performed this trip. The team will return in May to give another round of exams.
- ❖ Maintenance is getting a jump on spring maintenance due to warmer weather. New sacrificial face boards in North Harbor were installed. 13 yard dumpsters have all been serviced and are back in operation. Algae treatment is getting applied on dry days to aide in the fight against green slime. Large crane is back in service after a coupler let go last week during loading of crab gear. Harbor appreciates Jason Luhr & Piston and Rudder Services who helped with the quick fix.
- ❖ Upon completion of the Middle Harbor repair project last month, the certificates of completion and final invoice were sent to Un-Cruise Adventures for payment. Contact was made with the company's CFO, who reported he would work towards securing payment.