



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 8 March 2021**

- ❖ Residents may still obtain up to 10 buckets of traction sand from Public Works free of charge. However, since our office is closed anyone needing sand should call ahead before arriving at the Public Works yard.
- ❖ Local engineering firm Harai & Associates has been engaged to provide some stamped design drawings for the culvert replacement and embankment repairs at the Public Works site. We have applied for FEMA disaster relief funding and having this project engineered will increase the Borough's chances of obtaining this funding and facilitate bidding out the work.
- ❖ The Streets crew has been working with Motor Pool personnel to clean out the fire-damaged shop building in preparation for upcoming repairs to the structure.
- ❖ Engineering issues have slowed the planned procurement of some additional roll-off dumpsters. We hope to have these issues sorted out soon and have some 15-yard containers available for use during the summer season.
- ❖ All Public Works Depts have been impacted by the recent COVID-19 outbreak, either directly or indirectly. Some departmental staff are still off work, or on modified schedules for the time being. The Public Works office will remain closed to walk-in traffic until the community's risk level decreases.
- ❖ Visitation at Assisted Living was stopped as of February 22nd and will resume when we are out of "RED." Please call Shelyn at 772-2445 or 518-0528 with any questions. Only Essential workers allowed in at this time.
- ❖ We continue to do daily screening of all employees including temperature checks, daily questionnaire, strict sick leave policy, diligent hand washing, and sanitizing high touch areas multiple times a day. We continue to take daily temps on all residents and monitor for any signs of illness.
- ❖ Main water shut off valve failed when the Elderly Housing leak happened a couple of weeks ago. Brian Haley will be replacing the valve next week with the help of Public Works.
- ❖ Liz attended portions of the SE Conference Mid-Session Summit and the Alaska Chapter of the Planning Association's virtual conference.
- ❖ The online Property Viewer has been updated to show current year assessed values and ownership.
- ❖ Com. Dev. is working with state fire marshal to reconcile differences in local vs. state snow load requirements for commercial and industrial developments.

- ❖ NOAA Cares Act Fisheries Assistance is accepting applications from Alaskan commercial harvesters, sport fishing charter operators, and seafood processors through April 23, 2021. Applications and more information at PSMFC.org or call 1-888-517-7262.
- ❖ The Library is working with Siemens to establish a remote connection to our mechanical system. This will help with troubleshooting and preemptively solving problems that arise.
- ❖ The library has received a \$3,000 grant from First Bank for our summer youth program, Summer STREAM.
- ❖ Transfer switch controls for the Water Plant standby generator have been installed and are being fine-tuned for proper operation.
- ❖ Staff plans to commence a large project of cleaning the exterior of the water storage tank when the weather cooperates.
- ❖ Wastewater staff performing maintenance and repairs for a failed breaker at Pumpstation 4 and a temperamental SCADA radio at Scow Bay Pumpstation 1.
- ❖ Harai and Associates has produced the first draft for design of the sewer main and manhole replacement on Ira II Street.
- ❖ Rock N Road plans to begin work on the Scow Bay Pumpstation 1 in mid-March, weather depending.
- ❖ The mechanic and electrician recently worked on repair of a bad coolant heater at the Scow Bay Generator. The mechanic also successfully replaced the oil scavenging pump in the 20-1 generator. This failure was caused by a bad rebuild at the parts supplier's shop. A replacement pump was supplied under warranty to PMPL.
- ❖ The line crew and electrician/operator responded to an outage on 2/27/21. The circuit from the Scow Bay Substation to Blind Slough was out for about 90 minutes as the line crew cut snow laden trees out of the line. Similar incidents occurred in both Ketchikan and Wrangell in the week before Petersburg's heavy snow event. PMPL appreciates the patience of our customers during the outage.
- ❖ SEAPA reports that GCI will be re-routing their fiber optic cable that was laid over the top of SEAPA cables so the SEAPA submarine power cable can be replaced this summer. The GCI work is scheduled to begin the week of March 8th.
- ❖ Property Assessment Notices were mailed on Monday March 31st. Property owners have one month to appeal, forms can be found online.
- ❖ Josh has received his EMS Instructor Certification.
- ❖ SAR had a call out for a missing individual. Person found before full SAR Team Activation
- ❖ Contractors for the permanent pool repairs cancelled their trip to Petersburg due to the Red status. All of us involved in the process agreed this was the right decision. I will reschedule with them if we can get back to Orange.
- ❖ Tara continues to work on the new Borough website, and Debbie and Becky are working with Muni-Code on our new meeting agenda software.