



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 07 December 2020**

- ❖ Police Body Cameras have already paid for themselves with a recent complaint lodged against the Police Department. False reporting charges were filed against the suspects. A sincere thank you to the Assembly from everyone at the police department for the purchase of body cameras.
- ❖ Officers conducted a walkthrough of the Petersburg Schools to familiarize themselves with new procedures in case of a needed response from law enforcement.
- ❖ PD is currently working with HR to advertise for an Officer position in response to an officer leaving the department soon.
- ❖ PND has helped the department achieve an Interim Approval to Operate the Cabin Creek Pig Launcher. Final approval is contingent upon submission of engineer stamped record drawings (as-builts) and certifications that the work was completed under the direction of the Engineer.
- ❖ The rainstorm of December 1<sup>st</sup> caused Scow Bay Pump Station 1 to be overwhelmed by storm water. Wastewater backed up into three homes on the Narrows side of the highway. If COVID hadn't derailed our Contractor's efforts to start the project last summer, we would have been in a much better situation to handle the extreme storm flows that were coming into the sewer system. The project is planned to be started in the spring.
- ❖ All Scow Bay residents that live south of King's Row should please check all roof drains, yard drains and sewer cleanouts to ensure that no storm water is being allowed to enter the sewer system. These types of inflows are against the wastewater municipal code because they lead to an overwhelmed sewer system during rain events and cause all kinds of havoc on the system – including damage as happened on December 1. Please check your property for any of these connections and make sure that any storm water is being directed to a natural drainage and not a sewer pipe.
- ❖ The line crew was able to string lights for the community Christmas tree in time for the tree lighting on the 27<sup>th</sup> and place decorations on the downtown light poles.
- ❖ Reservoir levels had started to drop with some colder weather, but the rain events during the week of November 30 – December 4 will likely add significant water to the power lakes before the true winter freeze-up sets in.
- ❖ Morris Engineering and Anderson Contracting were in town last week to work on breaker panels and the fire panel at the Aquatic Center. This eliminates the need for our hourly Fire Watch. Thank you to the PVFD for helping us through this! The Aquatic Center is back on track with all swim times the same as before we closed. These times are announced on KFSK, on our Facebook page, and our website, as well as located throughout the facility.

- ❖ P&R Staff is working on a plan for a Christmas event. This will be an outdoor, Covid conscious event, so bundle up and come enjoy the magic! This event will be Dec. 12th from 10a-12p. Keep an eye out for more details!
- ❖ Heavy rains caused storm drain to back up and flood the end of the hallway at the Community Center. Thanks to Public Works for coming to help pump water and get the situation under control, and school staff who quickly jumped into gear and helped take care of removing the water from inside the facility.
- ❖ The Library's snow melt system is currently experiencing problems, Mattingly Electric is working on a solution.
- ❖ Sandy is starting to work on the requirement for the State of Alaska Ambulance Service Recertification, which is due every 2 years.
- ❖ Josh received his EMT-2 certification and also took an instructor orientation course with Southeast Region EMS to be eligible to teach Emergency Trauma Technician courses.
- ❖ We continue to do daily screening on all employees at the Manor including temperature checks, all staff answers 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.
- ❖ Tickets being sold for our covered deck project. The drawing will take place on 2/14/21 or sooner if all tickets are sold. 9 beautiful quilts will be given for 9 winning tickets. See Sally Dwyer or Shelyn if you'd like a ticket or have any questions. PIA has awarded the Manor deck project a \$32,000 grant for supplies for the building of the deck. The cost for building supplies has risen 35 to 40% since February. Supplies should be ordered by the end of next week and supplies will be stored until spring. A HUGE thank you to PIA!!!!!!
- ❖ Snow removal equipment is prepped and ready for winter conditions. We have been putting down sand and spot plowing but haven't had to call out the full snow removal crew yet.
- ❖ The Streets crew assisted the Harbor Dept. and a local landing craft operator with an emergency at the South Harbor launch ramp, after a truck got hung up on the landing craft and was in danger of sinking. Thanks to a quick response by all, a potential disaster was averted.
- ❖ Water, water everywhere! Recent heavy rains caused numerous flooding problems in town. Many drainages had properly functioning culverts but were simply overwhelmed by the sheer volume of water that came down. The drainage culvert across the back lot at Public Works backed up and the downhill side of our fill began to scour, but the embankment is holding for now. As a precautionary measure, we have relocated all equipment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street side of our yard in case a washout does occur.
- ❖ Shop repair design work is complete, and we are working to assemble the bid document package. We anticipate putting this project out to bid within the next month.
- ❖ Parks & Recreation Director recruitment is continuing with interviews to be scheduled for some candidates the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> if we can coordinate schedules for everyone.