



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 04 November 2013**

- ❖ Drug interdiction on the state ferry system was discussed during the monthly SEACAD Teleconference, as the Police Department continue to work on restricting any inflow of illegal drugs into the community.
- ❖ Met with architects Corey Wall and Bill Rutherford regarding police department building needs and design. We will be looking for a proposal from the Architect to develop conceptual plans / initial drawings for a proposed facility located within the Municipal Building complex.
- ❖ Fixtures have been ordered, and O.L. Enterprises has begun fabrication of the standards for the South Harbor replacement lighting.
- ❖ On Oct 17th approximately 30 Fire Dept members (fire, EMS, SAR) received training regarding ammonia releases and how to rescue victims. Two members of the SE HazMat team came from Sitka to provide the training. This project is sponsored by the SE Alaska Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).
- ❖ Head Start kids visited the Fire Station. They practiced: stop, drop, and roll; rolling off their bed; crawling low in smoke; feeling the door with the back of their hand. They also got to look at and sit in the fire trucks.
- ❖ The log shelter at Sandy Beach is still ongoing but the walls are only a few logs away from being complete. We will begin working on the roof shortly.
- ❖ The Maintenance Department has begun to install a new gym camera system. The old system stopped working recently after a power surge in the building. The new system can be monitored from the front desk and has a better quality camera and video.
- ❖ Second Annual Fall Ball was a complete success! Many thanks to Petersburg Mental Health and all those who helped make it a great time!
- ❖ We will begin advertising for a two bedroom Elderly Housing apartment as our wait list has no couples on it and will be vacated soon.
- ❖ The Borough is sending letters to downtown businesses, asking them NOT to use liquid or granular ice melts on the new concrete streets and sidewalks this winter. Ice melt allows water to penetrate the surface of concrete and then when the water freezes it cracks the concrete. Public works will be staging trash cans of sand in the downtown area for businesses to use for traction aids on the sidewalks.
- ❖ Water plant staff has completed pigging of the Cabin Creek pipeline due to a drop off in flow over the last 12 months. The operation resulted in the complete restoration of flow rates. The utility will schedule for pigging operations to be done every 3 years as a maintenance task.

- ❖ Design work on the Pump Station 1 Force Main Upgrade project continues, with plans currently at the 95% stage. We are also working on the reimbursable services agreement (RSA) with ADOT that is needed to include our force main project in the upcoming ADOT project to resurface S. Nordic Drive, which is scheduled to take place next summer.
- ❖ Rock N Road was able to coordinate the transfer to the new pumps at Pump Station 5. The contractor continues to address the final details of the project. Congratulations to Rock N Road for a successful transition to the new pumps and a big thank you to Borough staff members Chris Cotta, Justin Haley, Dennis Jones, Tom Lutton, Sam Caulum and Martin Odegard for oversight and support during the transition work.
- ❖ The Landfill Slopes project has slowed as a result of the dredging project nearing the end of work. The slopes are very close to meeting the intent of the contract and the remaining material looks to be useful for supporting a rock operations pad at the site. There will be quite a bit of site cleanup and finish work to be completed in the spring.
- ❖ The Borough will be changing the Landfill Salvage program to eliminate annual salvage permits in favor of daily permits only. Scrap metal profiteers will still be able to salvage in the landfill, but the daily rate will supply more cost recovery to the Borough for materials removed from the metal pile.
- ❖ S&S Dredge contractor is progressing nicely in areas 3 (Oc. Beauty), 4 & 5 (Icicle approach & horseshoe). As actual material numbers are down on the overall project, Glo has submitted a request to COE for a spot dredge in Area 1, where our new float system will house the larger 58+ footers. Taking the -11 to a -15.
- ❖ The invitation to bid on the Drive-Down Facility went out last week.
- ❖ We had an issue with our problem sea lion over the weekend. Sent notice to Jon Kurland, NMFS of the occurrence, and again asked for the one particular animal to be dealt with. Based upon his response, we do not believe NMFS will be addressing the issue in the near term.
- ❖ Jody is scheduled to go to the AGFOA (Alaska Governmental Finance Officers Association) meeting in Anchorage on November 18th – 20th.
- ❖ The Borough is still holding final payment on the Library Project pending completion of remaining punch list items. McGraw personnel scheduled to arrive shortly to work on the Library and address Fire Hall warranty work.
- ❖ The Borough has received notice from Mental Health that they have approval to move forward on the application for acquiring property for the Papke's Landing Dock and boat launch. The property has already been surveyed and the next step if the borough wishes to continue would be to pay to have the property appraised. If so funds will have to be designated to complete the appraisal. We are also waiting for formal notification from the Department of Transportation on their plans for the facility.
- ❖ There have been some issues with vandalism on the exterior of the new Library building. The borough is preparing to install security cameras inside and outside of the Library.