



## **Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 7 July 2014**

- ❖ Chief Swihart and I met with community stakeholders regarding transient/homeless issues. The group discussed potential problems and solutions and is gathering more information.
- ❖ Chief Swihart assisted Judge Trevor Stevens and staff with a security assessment of the court house.
- ❖ Congratulations to Chief Swihart who was selected to attend the FBI National Academy beginning in October. The academy is a ten week course that focuses on law enforcement leadership and management.
- ❖ Thanks to Power & Light for putting up the flags for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, and installing the electrical “spider boxes” for the food court.
- ❖ Some highlights from the recent SEAPA meeting in Wrangell:
  - Official notice was given for termination of the present O&M contract with Thomas Bay Power Authority.
  - Negotiations for transition of the contract to SEAPA are nearing the final phase, i.e. ratification by the Assemblies.Annual SEAPA budget was approved
- ❖ Several Borough employees are helping the Borough evaluate a company that specializes in online training for government employees. They offer about 80 online classes in issues such as ethics, safety practices, managing change and customer service. This may be an opportunity to provide some basic training without the cost of bringing a trainer to town.
- ❖ North Harbor Skiff Float had issues with the ramp through the last set of -3 tides. Special thank you to Public Works & Ole Whitethorn for their help in band-aiding the ramp issue. We have tasked WDB with making repairs under warranty work clause in the construction contract. They expect to be on scene early next week, prior to the next set of -4 tides in mid-July.
- ❖ Tamico is scheduled to resume work with pile driving on the Drive Down Project Approach as scheduled after July 1 when the in-water work restrictions are officially removed.
- ❖ Harbor staff was disappointed that the Salmon Mitigation Grant was not successful. The agency chose to fund other projects that came in over budget.
- ❖ Thank you to KFSK for their ongoing reminder to people to bail their skiffs after especially rainy weather. The Harbor Staff really appreciates their outreach.

- ❖ Property tax invoices have been mailed; they are due on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Finance is working on closing out last year for our annual audit scheduled August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ We are targeting the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> to replace the water service at the Manor. More information regarding scheduling and neighborhood water service disruptions will be forthcoming.
- ❖ The Pump Station 5 Upgrades project is complete. Public Works is working with Parks and Rec on improving the aesthetics of the site as well as decommissioning the old pump station.
- ❖ The Pump Station 1 Force Main Project, Phase 1 (sewer line improvements) will be going out to bid soon as part of DOT's South Nordic Drive Refurbishment project. Phase 2 (pump station improvements) is in the 95% design phase.
- ❖ The Landfill Slope Stabilization project is nearing completion, but progress has slowed due to the Contractor focusing on out-of-town projects. Rock-N-Road is planning to start hauling rock to the landfill again after the July 4 weekend. They have until July 31 to finish up the job.
- ❖ The handicapped-accessible van for Mountain View Manor has made it through all necessary approvals and the order has been placed with the dealer. Delivery is anticipated in Nov/Dec of this year.