



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 18 May 2020**

- ❖ Jody is working with AML and her peers to help develop possible uses of the CARES Act funding to offset expenses in the Community.
- ❖ Department Heads have been asked to prepare plans for opening to the public on June 15. These plans will be reviewed by the Incident Command Team for any edits and then I will meet with Debbie and the appropriate Department Heads to decide if we shall move forward. Currently, we are not considering changing anything at the Fire Station, or the Community Center (gym and aquatics). These will be a phase 2 process.
- ❖ Stephanie, her staff, and PMPL helped the School with some of the graduation activities, including the use of Outlook Park for pictures, and hanging the Senior Banners throughout the town. Thanks to everyone involved for making the 2020 Graduates feel special.
- ❖ Depending upon the Assembly's vote on the Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Union, the Borough's negotiating team will work with the Assembly to develop the direction for Negotiations with the Union. As a reminder, without the LOA the current contract expires on June 30, 2020.
- ❖ Harbor staff is continuing with dock washing. Have D float left to do in the south harbor then we will have all floats done with power washing and removal of mold and algae off the floats. They will have to do some touch up in areas to blast with a fire hose to remove sand and seashells out of cracks to keep drainage clear.
- ❖ Registration for the library's summer reading program opens next week. It will be an all ages program that runs online from May 26-August 11.
- ❖ The Community Reading Rally continues to be the most popular program we've ever run, with over 460 registered readers and well over half a million minutes read. The program ends May 26. Thanks to First Bank and Friends of Petersburg Libraries for sponsoring the program.
- ❖ Sandy is working on staying current on the ever-changing State Mandates, and her and Ryan are reviewing travel plans as they are submitted to the EOC.
- ❖ The Fire Department Volunteers are no longer meeting the Alaska Airlines deplaning passengers to distribute and collect Travel Forms as it relates to State Mandate 10. A big thank you to Amy Anderson, Rikki McKay, Jack Slaght, and Margaret Reddy for their 5 weeks of "airport duty".
- ❖ Staff in Community Development is working with the Incident Command Team, working on non-congregate shelter issues, and updating & distributing information on FEMA reimbursements and economic development.

- ❖ Molly is responding to requests for routine mapping/land information request, and Joe is responding to building permit requests and other permits as needed. Liz is updating our grant application for Scow Bay to submit to USDOT by the 18th.
- ❖ Small Business Grant programs are accepting applications for Sales Tax Rebate and PPP Incentive grants to May 22. More information on the borough website's Resources for Businesses Impacted by Covid-19.
- ❖ The buried water transmission main from the City Creek Dam to the treatment plant has become overgrown with trees that are becoming large enough to possibly impact the main with their root system. Staff is clearing this line to eliminate this risk.
- ❖ A progress meeting with Reid Brothers Construction will be occurring soon to plan for a late May start on the Kisenno Sewer project. This project will replace sewer main and manholes from 3rd Street to 7th Street on Kisenno.
- ❖ Staff has reserved Thursday's for wood chipping and clean-up of the drop off area in support of producing wood chips for the compost program. Most contributions are very appreciated. Signs have been ordered to make it clearer what is and isn't acceptable to dump on 14th Street. The signs should also remove some confusion about where to dump.
- ❖ Justin is training other operators on our annual Quality Assurance testing that is required by EPA, and the WW Staff is working on rebuilding one of our smaller pump stations on Marian Street.
- ❖ We are looking into the logistics of sending wastewater samples to a company that analyzes for COVID-19 in the wastewater. This type of testing may show us to what extent the virus exists in our community and offer a baseline for viral levels that could be compared with future samples to show increases or decreases in the virus locally.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs, Blind Slough Hydro project engineering firm, is responding to questions in regard to the Blind Slough equipment procurement process. A recent discussion may result in extending the proposal development period into mid-July. Different scenarios for equipment configuration design and delivery are also being considered by the engineers.
- ❖ Staff deployed 30 more AMI meters in the North Harbor last week. As time allows, the full deployment of single-phase meters will occur later this month. The 3 phase meters that are planned for the north harbor have been the victim of a severe delay related to COVID-19. They should be shipped in May and deployed in June.
- ❖ Staff successfully replaced a power pack on the 16-cylinder generator last week. One cylinder was in rough condition but was caught before we had a large failure. The entire machine is going to be under close monitoring after every extended run to make sure we address any rebuild needs.
- ❖ Sand pickup continues. Grading and pothole repair as weather permits.
- ❖ The Streets crew resurfaced portions of 5th and Excel streets. Failing chip seal was removed and the roads resurfaced with crushed asphalt until we can afford to do some more paving in the future. They also completed some storm drainage repairs at the intersection of 7th and Haugen and repaired a defective sewer service connection for a nearby residence.

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