



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 1 June 2015**

- ❖ Reminder to the public that May is the time for people to renew their Launch Permits and June 1<sup>st</sup> tickets will get issued for non-compliance.
- ❖ Western Marine came to town at the end of last week and sealed the grouted seams on the Crane Dock. Should be closing this project out shortly.
- ❖ On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the Harbor Dept. had the annual surprise visit from the USCG Homeland Security unit to review the Borough's Harbor Homeland Security Plan. We passed with no deficiencies. Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Eddy Tagaban and Officer Jim Kerr travelled to Wrangell to attend the annual meeting with the Captain of the Port to discuss Homeland Security and other CG issues.
- ❖ SECON and Rock N Road are working on the gravity sewer on Sing Lee Alley. Work is progressing slowly but this is one of the deepest and most complicated sections of underground work on the project. SECON will also be working on Haugen Drive and starting on sidewalk, curb and gutter replacements. The public should drive slowly through all project work sites and pay attention to any flaggers or other traffic control devices that are in use.
- ❖ The crew exhausted our supply of dust control chemicals during the abnormally dry weather but another load has been ordered and is on its way. We'll perform additional dust control applications when the material arrives.
- ❖ Public works waited until after Memorial Day to begin work on the Columbarium foundation at the cemetery, but that work has commenced. Once a rock pad has been constructed, a concrete foundation for the four columbarium units will be formed and poured by PW staff.
- ❖ Wastewater staff and public works completed the cleanup at the landfill sludge pit with only re-install of perimeter fence remaining to be accomplished. ADEC has not finalized their reporting on the incident and has not received complete water quality testing data as of the writing of this report. However, fecal coliform testing of the water samples from May 4<sup>th</sup> did not show any increased concentrations above normally tested levels.
- ❖ The Curbside Value Partnership informed the Borough that we were not selected as a recipient of a recycling cart grant, although they would like to work with us on strategies for successful rollout of our cart-based recycling program. Sanitation will follow up with the agency as we organize our public education campaign for the cart transition.
- ❖ PIA has commenced work on Third Street sidewalk, curb and gutter. The tribe will have the road closed between Excel and Dolphin during the day to facilitate safety and productivity. Once Third Street is complete, they will move to Dolphin Street in front of the Elementary School to replace sidewalks during the summer school break.

- ❖ KNIK Construction has completed their work on the airport and has also paved out the AML yard. The company did not have enough aggregate to perform paving for the Borough and has de-mobilized from Petersburg. KNIK will be paying the Borough a straight space lease payment for usage of the quarry for their operations. The Borough will work with SECON for asphalt needs in Petersburg while their hot mix plant is in the quarry until summer 2016.
- ❖ Selection process for our current police officer opening is underway. Preliminary background investigations are complete. Testing and interviews are currently in process. Nine applicants were invited to the selection process, three participated. Two remain.
- ❖ Department of Corrections released a proposed municipal jail funding plan. The plan would result in a 45% reduction in our jail funding to \$173,000. We had assumed a reduction, and our current approved budget for 2016 is \$220K (reduced from \$320K). This represents an approximate \$47,000 cut to our existing revenue targets for this line item in the 2016 budget. We also budgeted very conservatively on the Community Revenue Sharing so overall the Borough should still be within our budget tolerances. Nothing is official however until the Legislature approves a budget and the Governor signs it.
- ❖ Finally received surplus materials from contractor for the Library project. Waiting on one more piece of documentation from contractor to make final payment and close out the contract.
- ❖ Summer construction season is here. There are three large commercial projects as well as several residential projects underway.
- ❖ Over 25 tons of ice distributed by the cold storage in May. Derby weekend was particularly busy as we went through 4-5 large totes of ice per day.
- ❖ Liz Cabrera met with H.S. Principal Rick Dormer to discuss ideas to expand Career and Technical Education offerings.