



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 15 June 2020**

- ❖ Water staff revisited the Cabin Creek Low Level Outlet pipes to perform further investigation as required by the State of Alaska Dam Safety program. This confirmed the grout at the culvert joint is solid and confirmed there is not a void around the culverts. We will forward our findings to the State of Alaska.
- ❖ Public Works completed the installation of the new pig launching station at Cabin Creek Dam. PND Engineer Per Rasmussen visited the site prior to backfilling and approved of the work.
- ❖ Reid Brothers Construction will start work on the Kisenno Street Sewer project on June 15th. This project will replace sewer main and manholes from 3rd Street to 7th Street on Kisenno Street.
- ❖ Public Works recently installed an access road to work on a weak power pole in the Hungry Point area. This pole is part of the circuit that serves Wrangell Avenue and terminates at Icicle Seafoods. The pole is now shored up with shot rock and will not be a worry to the department or our customers.
- ❖ Chris met telephonically with the Sanitation rate consultant on June 2nd. The consultant is revising the rate study to reflect no rate increases in FY21. We anticipate having some options ready to present to the Assembly for discussion at the 1st meeting in July.
- ❖ Staff is working on spring maintenance at the museum and assisting various departments with sneeze guards and other items related to reopening to the public and completing work orders as time allows.
- ❖ Chris still assisting the EOC as Logistics Chief. Currently working with OBI to coordinate on some traffic control changes at the north end of Main Street related to COVID testing and safety of cannery employees.
- ❖ Property tax bills will be mailed July 1, due October 15th.
- ❖ Finance Staff helping with the nonprofit grants and preparing for the end of the fiscal year and tracking CARES Act funds and FEMA funding.
- ❖ The Online Property Map Viewer is being updated with the new tax roll data. The update should be complete prior to statements being mailed out on July 1.
- ❖ The Nonprofit & Childcare Stabilization Program has been rolled out. Applications and FAQ are on the borough website. We are partnering with the Petersburg Community Foundation to get the word out and held two informational webinars on June 11. Applications are due on June 26; deadline for childcare providers is June 16. Application and FAQ's are on the borough website. Thanks to Shannon with the Finance Dept. for assistance in implementing this program.
- ❖ New Covid-related assistance programs continue to come online, and existing ones are being amended. The "Resources for Nonprofits, Businesses and Employees Impacted by Covid-19" web pages are updated

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regularly as new information becomes available. Most notably the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation recently announced a rental and mortgage assistance program. Applications will be accepted from June 15-26. More information is available at AlaskaHousingRelief.org or by calling 1-833-440-0420.

- ❖ The library grounds are looking incredible - thank you to Jesse for working his magic. A special thank you to Doug Corl for volunteering to help this spring.
- ❖ Summer STREAM, the library's summer reading program is underway.
- ❖ John McCabe has donated \$10,000 to the library's Art Education Endowment. To date, his contributions to the fund total \$91,540. Interest earned from the Endowment supports arts education at the library. We are amazed by his incredible support and generosity!
- ❖ Harbor is surprisingly full as a higher percentage of locals picking up permanent stalls this season.
- ❖ Fire/EMS paid staff continue to work on COVID-19 related issues. Focus has been on Mandate 10 and the requirement to screen and collect forms from out of state travelers. Reviewing travel plans as they are submitted to the EOC.
- ❖ The Fire Marshal has been doing Fire Inspections at Icicle for access/clearance. He also spent time investigating a structure fire. Fire branch was granted permission to start in-person training with strict guidelines.
- ❖ Emergency calls for Fire and EMS are down for the last 3 months.
 - Approximately 14 volunteers in Fire and EMS responded to a structure fire on June 6th, utilizing 2 fire engines, a tanker with porta-tank, and an ambulance. Thank You Volunteers!
 - EMS continues to respond to ALL calls using PPE appropriate for protecting against COVID.
- ❖ Thanks to various volunteers (department members and people from the public) who have been doing some landscaping around the Fire Station. A special thanks to Teresa Stolpe!
- ❖ Assisted Living continues to be on lock down. No visitors other than essential individuals.
- ❖ Shelyn is working with PMC staff to do voluntary asymptomatic testing on residents and staff at MVM.
- ❖ AHFC file inspection due June 15th State of Alaska Licensing inspection postponed until at least August.
- ❖ Food service continues to cook and deliver meals 5 days a week for the month June for the community. They have been serving between 45-55 meals per day.
- ❖ Stephanie is working on 4th of July plans, with the Chamber and Lighthouse Church. Plans should be announced in the next week or so.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. are starting to bring back employees and scheduling training and lifeguard certification skills check and new lifeguard training in preparation for opening the aquatic center.
- ❖ Most Borough facilities are reopened with some restrictions. Exceptions being the Community Center and Assisted Living. We expect to start having some limited openings at the Community Center in late July and early August, with a more complete schedule by the start of school. No timeline for Assisted Living.