



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 20 April 2020**

- ❖ Parks & Rec. continues to use the facility closure to do work on maintenance issues throughout the various facilities. We have also had staff shift to helping the Incident Command Team with tasks and helping other departments. Several employees have taken the ICS basic training classes online.
- ❖ Nearly 400 people are participating in our Reading Rally with the Library. Every week 5 people who read at least 2 hours will be able to choose the business they want to support and win a \$100 gift certificate. Thank you to First Bank and the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the program.
- ❖ About 10-20 items a day are requested by community members for Library materials. We are following strict standards for hygiene and social distancing.
- ❖ AL continues to be in lock down. No visitors other than essential individuals. Despite this, the staff continues to connect residents and family in every way we can as often as we can through facetime, texting, etc. A big thank you to all family and friends of residents who are supportive through this difficult time.
- ❖ A big thank you to the Petersburg Community Foundation for the \$1666.00 grant for Assisted Living.
- ❖ Police Officers are getting fit tested for N95 mask. Thank you to the Fire Department.
- ❖ The PD is starting to receive more calls about people possibly violating mandates and or asking questions about mandates. The Officers are trying to keep up on the changing updates and enforcement.
- ❖ Officers have participated in bail review hearing/calls for inmates trying to get released. If released DOC returns Petersburg inmates to Petersburg. Currently Lemon Creek Correctional Facility has 4 officers who tested positive for Covid-19.
- ❖ Everything went well with the herring fleet that returned this last weekend and it appeared that everyone complied with the mandates. Tenders are moving through, stopping briefly to refuel and supply before moving north to fish herring near Bristol Bay.
- ❖ The Harbor continues to receive many calls regarding quarantining from commercial fishermen and sport fishing people that are still planning on coming to Petersburg.
- ❖ Alaska DNR citing "concerns and comments received by the Department" has withdrawn a proposed regulation to revise the definition of "navigable waters" for the purpose of state land leases or conveyances.
- ❖ Molly and Liz are both attending IC meetings and working on components of the Team. This includes keeping our information on Resources for Businesses impacted by COVID-19 up to date. Joe B. continues to issue building permits and inspect projects though sometimes the inspections are photos and videos.

- ❖ Pubic Works is starting to work on road maintenance; however, our sweeper is down with a hydraulic issue so sand pickup will be delayed. Streets personnel have been involved in various aspects of the COVID-19 response including procurement of supplies, and assistance with a couple construction projects.
- ❖ In addition to maintaining the Borough's vehicles, Motor Pool has been assisting with COVID-19 response, building the handwash stations that are located throughout town as well as fabricating support brackets for the temporary patient ward being set up in the high school gym.
- ❖ Sam has been busy doing building inspections required by the Borough's insurer and is also leading the project to construct the partition walls for the temporary patient care ward at the high school gym. Parks-N-Rec personnel have been lending Sam a hand with this project as well.
- ❖ Water and Wastewater Department staff doing a great job of keeping water flowing and all equipment running smoothly. Operators are working staggered 4-10 schedules to minimize contact with each other.
- ❖ Kisenon Street Sewer may be delayed by material delivery schedules. Reid Brothers planned to start on May 1 but it likely be later in the month.
- ❖ Power and Light staff is working various schedules to minimize contact with each other. The changes are working well.
- ❖ SEAPA has an RFP out right now for replacement of the damaged marine cable. Plan will be to award a contract for the work to be completed in the fall of 2020.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs, Blind Slough Hydro project engineering firm, has advertised the equipment procurement RFP for the turbine, generator and ancillary equipment for the hydro project. The proposal period extends to June to make sure the suppliers have enough time to fully understand the specifications and requirements for delivery. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, PMPL is recommending delaying any actions on a bond sale that would require an election and a subsequent rate increase. The project fund may have a balance that could still allow award of the equipment, but if funding is not sufficient to cover the top ranked proposal cost, the equipment RFP will be rejected and a new solicitation commenced at a later date.
- ❖ PMPL line crew has dug in two 5" conduits from the back of the substation to a new pole on Ira II Street adjacent to the Library. This will be the new feed to and from the substation so that the utility can eliminate the Hammer Slough spans and the rotten poles in the slough and at the PMPL parking lot. Wire will be pulled into the new conduits soon.
- ❖ Jody is working on getting our budget together. We are waiting to receive capital project budgets and a little more direction on the State's Contribution (or lack of) for school bond debt reimbursement.
- ❖ Quarterly grant and loan reports are due to the State this month. Much bond refunding paperwork to work through, we might also be able to save some \$ on our 2012 Bonds (Library Bonds) so Jody is looking into this as well.
- ❖ The Remote Sales Tax code for Petersburg is being set up and implemented with AML.
- ❖ A huge thank you to all staff members in all departments. It is a stressful time, but we are doing well, and things are under control. A special thank you to everyone that is working double duty on the IC team and supporting our community and hospital during the pandemic response and emergency management.