



## **Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 21 July 2014**

- ❖ We have seen increased littering and other activity in the Frederick Point area. We have assigned officers to extra patrol efforts in the area.
- ❖ July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled to meet with architects to discuss final design concept for the Police Department and Jail project.
- ❖ Officer Williams is back from maternity leave, she and the baby are doing well and we're happy to have her back.
- ❖ The Assessor arrived Friday and will be here for at least four weeks.
- ❖ The Borough has started the foreclosure process for unpaid 2013 property taxes.
- ❖ We have asked PCS to modify our utility bills. Currently any misc. charges (ie. baler and landfill charges) are all lumped together on the utility statement if the charges are going to the same revenue code. This creates many questions and phone calls from customers wondering what comprises the amount on their statement. We have decided to separate out the charges, to itemize the charges on the statement.
- ❖ PIA is working two concrete crews to finish up on some outstanding items on the North Nordic ADA ramp project and has almost completed the rebuild of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks at the Elementary School. PIA plans to continue their work on Dolphin Street and may be able to add the rehab of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Sidewalks to their work schedule this season.
- ❖ Justin Haley and crew were able to research the condition of Haugen Drive manholes in advance of the ADOT project to rehab this road. We'll need to replace two manholes that are deteriorated and do some rehabilitation work on the remaining manholes on this road but the costs should be minimal. We'll work with ADOT to include the work in the street project.
- ❖ Duane Powers is working with ADEC on the new discharge permit from our sludge lagoon at the water treatment plant. We have a problem in meeting the allowable discharge levels for aluminum but are getting encouraging words from ADEC that they will work with us since we seem to be the only utility in the state that discharges into fresh water stream. More information to come, but currently the discharge limit is lower than the naturally occurring levels of aluminum in City Creek.
- ❖ Recycling program update: Overall recycling rate for baled waste vs. recyclables is at 28%. The community is on track to cut approximately 300 tons from its annual solid waste shipments in 2014. Our recycling goals as stated in our ordinance have us achieving a 30% rate by 1/1/17; a 40% rate by 1/1/19; and a 50%

rate by 1/1/21. There are still plenty of areas that we can focus on for increasing our recycling rate. Areas that can be better developed would be the industrial customers and trying to find ways for them to recycle more of their disposable production materials, further development of commercial recycling, a better system of public recycling receptacles, further work on a possible mandatory residential recycling code and lastly a better effort for public education and program information availability.

- ❖ The new grader is estimated to be delivered soon, but in preparation a control simulator for the newer model has been in place at public works. The operators and mechanics have been spending some time getting accustomed to the different controls.
- ❖ The North End Ferry Authority is still working on a proposal to commence ferry service to South Mitkof. Kent Miller will be seeking an Assembly agenda appearance in August to garner support from the Assembly to use the Banana Point Launch Ramp while waiting for potential changes to the South Mitkof Ferry Terminal to work its way through ADOT.
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce roof replacement is in progress.
- ❖ Received proposals from five firms for the Comprehensive Plan. The selection committee will be reviewing the proposals and meeting to discuss a recommendation to the Assembly at the second meeting in August.
- ❖ North Harbor Skiff Float warranty work was completed by WDB prior to the -4.1 tides over the weekend and the fix seemed to take the extreme tides fine.
- ❖ The extreme low tide did some damage Sunday morning at the launch ramp float when a random chunk of piling floated in and lodged itself under one of the float sections and punched through the styro billets and deck covering boards. Staff was able to pull it free and patch the hole. Tamico will order extra covering sheets in conjunction with the new Fish Cleaning Station to allow Harbor Maintenance to get things back in order.
- ❖ Tamico is back on resuming demo work on the old Union Oil Dock as scheduled this week. They are scheduled to begin driving piling at the drive down approach by the end of the month.
- ❖ Roofing for the Sandy Beach Shelter should be started this week as the Maintenance staff returns from Little League and vacation. We expect it to take a week or so to complete. Once this is completed, the Shelter will be opened for public use during the weekends, and evenings. Continued finish work on the Shelter will occur during the day.
- ❖ Recent analysis of Petersburg Borough's demographic trends made by the Alaska Department of Labor, noted the percentage of seniors (over 65) will grow from around 13% to around 27% by 2027.
- ❖ The repairs with the Scow Bay ramp are about 50% complete. We staged the repairs to only do one side at a time to keep it available to the public. One side complete, with the other getting underway.