



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 21 January 2014**

- ❖ Sales Tax Committee meetings scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to formulate a recommendation for the Assembly at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- ❖ Transient Room Tax meeting scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> to review outstanding grants not completed.
- ❖ Notices have been sent out to community service organizations that their request for budgeted funds is due by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Annual DARE classes have kicked off. Officer Jared Popp will be administering the program to 5<sup>th</sup> graders for 10 weeks.
- ❖ Police and Jail building project continues. Architects met with staff on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to review progress of the plans. It is hoped we will have a more solid estimate on the cost before going to Juneau.
- ❖ Kelly met with Coast Guard Sector Juneau Commander and Lt. Commander in reference to possible joint efforts.
- ❖ We have some classes coming up in the Fire/EMS areas. Sandy will be teaching an Emergency Trauma Technician course January 20 – February 10<sup>th</sup>, and Ryan is working on the schedule for the Firefighter-1 course to start around February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Sandy has contacted target participants for a Mass Rescue and HazMat Response Workshop. It will take place in Petersburg February 4-5. ICS-402 (which provides an orientation to the Incident Command System) will also be taught on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-10 pm. with the target audience of elected officials, borough manager, agency administrators, etc.
- ❖ Sandy has been making progress on facilitating the Southeast Region EMS Symposium that will be in Petersburg April 10-13, 2013.
- ❖ The Library has a 40% increase over 2012's activity from October – December. Works out to just about 19,000 items checked out in the 3 months.
- ❖ Artwork by Doris Olsen (children's room) and Beth Flor (main stack area) have been installed in the library.

- ❖ North Harbor Main float #2 is in the process of being installed. All Main Floats & pilings are here. Anchor Electric is onsite, set up and in the process of building the power pedestals. The new 85 foot customized ramp has been set in place and looks really good.
- ❖ The Harbor staff is working with the Public Works crew to address the failed bulkhead at the top of the North Harbor Launch Ramp causing the bank to slip away and undermine the roadway at that area. Materials have been ordered to replace the wooden bulkhead to allow Public Works to back fill and shore up the bank.
- ❖ Assisting USCG Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Team scheduling individual exams of our fleet. Dates are Jan 27 thru 29<sup>th</sup>. Stop by or call the Harbor Office to get on the schedule.
- ❖ TAMICO & subs, PND Engineers and Harbor staff attended the Pre-construction meeting outlying the schedule and considerations for the Drive Down Project. Demo of the old AFS Dock is the first step.
- ❖ Will advertise the Crane Dock Widening project on Jan 23rd.
- ❖ Congratulations to new additions to our fleet: Troy Thomassen bought the F/V Empress and brought her to town. F/V Collin Martins Jr. bought the Ascension and renamed her F/V Foxy Lady and Nyles Thomas bought the F/V Barbra!
- ❖ Public Works is holding off on the 1011 Wrangell Avenue demolition pending a recommendation by the Attorney. With Leo Luczak present, Karl obtained a sample of flooring materials from the house that will be analyzed for asbestos content. The results of the analysis will dictate the need for asbestos abatement prior to the demolition operation.
- ❖ Water plant staff is reviewing a proposed statewide discharge permit for water treatment plants. The ADEC has been drafting various state-wide permits since taking over control of water discharges in the state from the federal government a couple of years ago. The permit may require substantial testing from discharges from the treatment plant's backwash lagoon and may impact the upcoming budget.
- ❖ The Petersburg Indian Association recently took a tour of the wastewater plant and observed the sludge pressing process. The tribe is interested in composting the sludge from the treatment plant and possibly producing a marketable, or at least safe and usable, compost from the process.
- ❖ The Recycling Program changes draw closer. The latest exciting news for the program is the approval of additional items for the commingled stream. The recycling vendor has now indicated that **all plastic lids and caps will be accepted**, as well as that **labels on tins cans do not need to be removed** and that **waxed cardboard products (such as clean fish boxes, milk cartons and juice boxes) are acceptable**.
- ❖ The draft RFP for recycling collection services that will be advertised in February is almost complete. There have been a couple of inquiries so there appears to be some interest, in addition to PIA, to provide this service to the community.