



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 2 May 2016**

- ❖ Un-cruise insurance has paid all but \$7,652 of the Middle Harbor repair. Staff has invoiced the remaining balance.
- ❖ Officer Dodson and Dispatcher Huettl resigned on 4/18/16. A search is underway to fill the positions with one FT dispatcher and one ³/₄ time dispatcher. This will reduce police coverage and personnel costs slightly.
- ❖ Abatement on the building is scheduled to begin 5/2/16.
- ❖ Chief Swihart was appointed to the Alaska Police Standards Council and confirmed by both the House and the Senate.
- ❖ On 4/25/16, Lawrence “Lorry” Christensen was sentenced to 4 years in jail, with 2.5 years suspended, for the possession of heroin and methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.
- ❖ Parks are opening bathrooms and checking out plumbing issues to make sure we are ready for the season. This includes preparing for Mayfest activities and bi-weekly meetings with the 4th of July committee.
- ❖ The Street Crew, (Ron, Sam, Don, Martin, Aaron and Mike) in combination with Ira from P&R and Joe Bertagnoli – did a great job in getting the heavy lifting done for the Muni Building and Community Development moves. Great job guys!
- ❖ Public Works will be sweeping, washing and painting crosswalks on Main Street in preparation for Mayfest. They also completed an upgrade of water service on Neptune Street off of Lumber before paving efforts later in the spring or summer, and helped get the Salmon Label trash cans installed.
- ❖ CBC Construction successfully coordinated a tight window of opportunity for completion of the underground gravity sewer work on South Nordic. The project was not without its challenges and we did discover that the entire main from Sing Lee Alley to Lumber Street needed to be replaced and re-graded. A change order is being drafted for that required work. The contractor will return to Petersburg in June to finish work on upgrades to two pump stations, activate the new force main in South Nordic Drive and abandon the old force main on the South Harbor beach.
- ❖ Harai and Associates has secured permitting for the open top container loading bulkhead at the baler facility. We are putting final touches on the project design and the Public Works crew will likely complete the work in June.

- ❖ We received word that the Borough will be paid in full for monies owed by Channel Construction for scrap metal purchased and removed from the landfill in 2013. The company filed for bankruptcy shortly after the scrap metal removal and had only paid half of what was owed. Recently the court approved a repayment schedule that will pay the sanitation department the remaining \$40,000 + over the next five years.
- ❖ We are still having issues with the new sweeper. We have temporarily reactivated the old sweeper in order to maintain street sweeping capabilities while we work through warranty issues on the new unit. The unit will likely be sent back to the vendor in Oregon to sort out a problem with the hydraulic system that the vendor has categorized as uncommon.
- ❖ Chief Swihart is working through the motor pool and with NOAA on the potential transfer of two crew cab pickups to the police department. The low mileage trucks, if transferred, would provide replacements for the two Expeditions in their fleet and could potentially save tens of thousands for the Borough.
- ❖ We have had a bunch of our standard inspections recently and more coming up at the Manor. Simplex fire alarm inspection, State licensing inspection, REAC Inspection, AHFC inspection and a Medicaid inspection.
- ❖ Window replacements for 6 Elderly Housing windows have been ordered and will be installed by the end of May.
- ❖ Community Development is working on a new online property viewer.
- ❖ If you have not heard, the actual increase in land entitlement to the borough after DNR included acreage at Thomas Bay is an additional 64 acres.
- ❖ PEDC has released the RFP for design & engineering of small vessel work yard at Scow Bay.
- ❖ Petersburg Children's Center was awarded \$20,000 from the Crossett Fund for health and safety improvements as part of the expansion project. Thanks to Liz Cabrera for all her work on making this happen.
- ❖ Ryan attended the Arson Investigators Conference, and Sandy attended the Southeast Region EMS symposium, participated in a Southeast Region Tabletop exercise/workshop and SEREMS Board Meeting
- ❖ Volunteers put on a Family Fun Day for the community at the Fire Station. It was well attended. Thanks to the volunteers for giving up a Saturday for the event. Thanks to Papa Bears for the Root Beer floats and pizza. Thanks to the Ragnarok Roller for serving hot dogs. And, thanks to Wrangell Fire Dept for loaning their smoke trailer.
- ❖ Junior Firefighter program will be ending at the end of April. Thanks to all who made the program a success.
- ❖ We received a great letter from one of our visiting trainers for the fire department. He was extremely complimentary of Ryan, Sandy and all of the volunteers he worked with during his time in Petersburg.
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