

Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 18 May 2015

- Triem House on Wrangell Avenue has been dismantled and the site cleared of building materials. Fence and shed remain per court order.
- Community Development and Finance is working to streamline the process of issuing building permits and other land use permits. With both departments in the same building, we needed a procedure for customers to help make the process easier.
- Updates to the Cemetery Plot directory were completed and a new directory was installed prior to Mayfest.
- ❖ Draft Comprehensive Plan is available for public review. Copies can be downloaded from the borough website, with hard copies available at the public library and municipal building. Comments will be accepted through June 30, 2015.
- Community Development began the process with the attorney to develop procedures and notices/letters for use with the new nuisance ordinance.
- ❖ Sandy is putting the final touches on a proposed ambulance fee increase. This will presented to the Public Safety Advisory Board on Wednesday, 5/20/15.
- SECON has started the South Nordic project. Please be aware of the work and keep a lookout for trucks and equipment and obey the flaggers that will be stationed for everyone's safety.
- Thanks to the Public Works crew for helping to put up and take down the food court tent for the Festival.
- ❖ Wastewater staff has been working to remedy the mud flow from the landfill sludge area that occurred on April 30th. Public works has been hauling rock and wastewater has supplied an operator to clean mud out the drainage, spread rock and cap the site. Majority of the work completed last week. An ADEC water sampling technician traveled to Petersburg on May 4th to take water samples, however no testing results have been reported to the Borough yet.
- ❖ The wastewater treatment crew continues to see success with composting of their sludge. The composter is fully operational at this time but loading is very labor intensive. Early purchase of the telehandler that was recently approved in the FY16 budget would help the process immensely.
- ❖ PIA recently approved a rental agreement to allow Borough staff to rent the tribe's wood chipper at a very reasonable rate. This will help to supply the carbon source for the composting recipe.
- The new collection truck delivery is estimated by the vendor to be 175 days. The clock started on May 1 so it is likely that the new truck won't be delivered until late October or early November. This pushes back the start of the blue cart program by a month or so. We plan to work with Ruger's Trucking on a contract extension to take us to the end of the blue bag program in Petersburg.

- Thanks to the Sanitation staff for stationing dumpsters and recycle cards in the downtown area for the festival. Mostly by the food court but also further North on the street. Staff monitored the containers over the weekend and emptied them as needed.
- The annual Household Hazardous Waste event will be held at the Baler on May 30 and 31. Residents may bring chemicals, oil, paint, etc. up to the baler from 9am to 3pm on these days for FREE disposal.
- Motor pool is advertising a small surplus auction. Information is available at Public Works or on the Borough's website.
- ❖ Chris and Karl will be attending a "Partnering" meeting with ADOT and SECON on Wednesday, May 13th. The purpose of the meeting is to bring all participants of the South Nordic/Haugen Drive project together and hopefully set up effective lines of communication for the benefit of the project and community.
- ❖ The Borough annual audit has been scheduled for August 3rd. A pre-audit and test of controls will occur the week of July 13th.
- Anna is busy working on entering the electric adjustments for the north harbor electric bills. She will enter manual adjustments per Power and Light's request for the prior three months of activity and back billed.
- The Middle Harbor waterline was severely damaged on a big set of tides in April. The buildup of silt and mud still coming out of Hammers Slough over the winter buried the line enough that it pulled apart. The maintenance crew with the assistance of Glenn Reid and local divers were able to eventually pull the line out of the mud in order to salvage the anchor and hookups. All supplies have been ordered and Rock N Road will assist in fusing the line back together when it is received hopefully next week. The public should be advised the water will be off in the Middle Harbor for approx. 2 weeks and the Harbor Staff apologizes for the inconvenience. Potable water is available in both the North and South Harbors.
- Please remind the public that May is the time for people to renew their Launch Permits.
- The DOT highway construction projects are taking more time than anticipated. The project engineer is asking for more pole relocations than had been planned for. We're scrambling to try and keep out of their way. A major issue is the bike path extension from the airport to Sandy Beach. As presently designed, the new fill for the path is on top of our main feeder which may necessitate relocation of approximately 1,500 ft. of our three-phase underground line. Negotiations/discussions are on-going.
- ❖ We have an advertisement out for a journeyman lineman. Mike Brooks has accepted a position in Sitka, and will be leaving at the end of the month.
- ❖ Annual maintenance shutdown for SEAPA transmission line repairs is scheduled for May 26th thru the 31st.
- Selection process for our open police officer position is underway. Preliminary background investigations are complete. Testing and interviews will take place the week of May 25th. We expect 4-6 applicants.
- ❖ Corey Rowley, our temporary officer, will leave Petersburg on 5/20/15. We appreciated his assistance over the past couple of months.
- The Petersburg prosecutor's position has been terminated due to budget cuts. Chief Swihart spoke with the District Attorney last week. No updated staffing plan has been released yet. Reduced service is highly likely.