



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 24 November 2014

- ❖ The library has earned a four-star rating from *Library Journal*; one of only eight in Alaska and 256 that ranked nationally.
- ❖ The Library Landscaping request for proposals is planned for mid-December through January.
- ❖ North Harbor Project Letter of Completion was received on 10/29/14 and final payment made.
- ❖ Last week the Abutment was poured and Tamico is currently securing the last girders on the Drive Down Facility Approach Dock. Rock and Road has trenched the uplands and working with PMPL and Bear Electric to install the conduit and parking lot light pole bases. Field reports indicate the first float sections have been sent to the treatment facility and are being prepped for shipment to Petersburg. The transfer bridge has been constructed and treated and also readied for shipment. Tamico will begin preparing for landing float installation and batter pipe mooring pile frame that will support the outer end of the transfer bridge next week.
- ❖ Western Marine, PND Engineer & Borough Staff attended the substantial completion meeting on 10/29/14 for the Crane Dock. The Engineer came up with a small punch list that includes specific joint sealant that most likely won't be able to be completed until spring.
- ❖ The new Fish Cleaning Float was successfully installed on Oct 3rd. We were contacted by the grant administrator with word that the grant was extended to February 28th to allow the Borough to spend the remainder of the grant on enhancement of that facility. Staff is working with the Petersburg Sport Fishing Association on possible construction of a new fish hanging rack and maintenance of the cleaning tables.
- ❖ Harbor Security Vessel underwent the annual maintenance by staff and Piston & Rudder that included an every 3rd year bottom paint and anode check. Vessel hull is in good shape and back in operation. As earlier reported the Harbor Security assisted in a vessel rescue last week that went smooth, making all the difference in the operation due to landing craft abilities and operators experience. Later on in the week she also assisted in an EMS response along the waterfront.
- ❖ And last but not least **"THE HERRING ARE IN! THE HERRING ARE IN!"** Glo received word from Justin Peeler skipper of the F/V Defiant that they would be making a landing at Icicle. Early in the week enterprising local residents including our Harbormaster were able to fill 5 gallon buckets of the perfectly sized plump little fish, which have been salted & readied in preparation for the Annual Pickled Herring contest slated for 8 pm on December 10th! Once again let this be an official challenge to Helmer Olson and Sig Mathisen to hone their pickling skills!
- ❖ PW is working to schedule the remaining work on the Rasmus Enge Bridge before ADOT arrives in mid-December. The crew has one more piling to replace in addition to installation of some cross bracing.

- ❖ The PW crew successfully installed a new water main valve on Noseeum Street which will allow the Borough to abandon the failing asbestos cement water line that was routed from the Lumber Street area in the past.
- ❖ Flushing and winterizing of fire hydrants has been completed. All uses of hydrants by PW or the Fire dept will require re-winterizing when done.
- ❖ All of our drivers that took CDL road tests recently passed their tests!
- ❖ Work continues with ADOT on incorporating the Borough's sewer needs within the South Nordic Drive and Haugen Drive projects. Current plans call for bidding one project for both streets and requiring that the winning contractor phase the work so that the local disturbance is minimized. The latest information is that the project will be advertised in November.
- ❖ The motor pool will be holding a public auction to sell various pieces of surplus equipment. Sealed bids will be solicited for various vehicles and equipment and a public outcry auction will be held for the old motor grader.
- ❖ Contact has been made with Rick Magill regarding sewer overflows at the trailer park. Mr. Magill is working out a schedule for the repairs to his system.
- ❖ Cooler replacement project for the Manor is moving forward and materials are being ordered.
- ❖ Janice Lopez just had her 10 year anniversary for service here at the Manor.
- ❖ Triem house has been dismantled; though there is substantial site cleanup needed. The Borough has requested the contractor to fence off the site for safety reasons.
- ❖ Petersburg had a nice write up on Octoberfest in last month's Alaska magazine. PEDC helped with photos and other information.
- ❖ Working through task 1 on comprehensive plan - organizing planning team, scheduling contractor site visits, providing input on community survey, identifying key informants, supplying background info.
- ❖ "Alaska Mills" project sent out first shipment of locally milled high quality yellow cedar. Sold to native carvers in the NW.
- ❖ We continue to have plumbing issues in the jail. We are in the process of repairing another toilet unit and hope to have the cell back and operational in a couple of weeks.

Police Issues:

- ❖ Sgt. Kerr performed rescue breathing on an individual suspected of a drug overdose
- ❖ Suspicious powder found in the Harbor bathroom tested positive for cocaine on Halloween night.
- ❖ Several incidents of mentally ill persons and family disputes that have involved the officers recently.
- ❖ Officers responded to an intoxicated person who fell into the Harbor and was able to climb back onto the dock.
- ❖ Sounds like everything is going well for the Chief in Quantico. He was able to attend a special tour of the Pentagon, and a tour of the White House, as well as their classroom training. He promises me he will try and challenge Karl in the next Petersburg running event since physical training is also a part of the National Academy training regimen!