



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 22 December 2014

- ❖ The conduit installation for the drive-down dock is complete. The conductor will be pulled and the transformer set as soon as the site is brought to final grade. Upland work is winding down as Rock N Road has most of the uplands completed waiting for the final gravel covering. This past week the next three float sections have arrived, splashed at AML and Tamico has bolted them together waiting for the next shipment. Tamico has attached the rails on the Approach Dock as they wait for float sections to arrive.
- ❖ Power & Light is proposing the addition of a new capital project to add a high voltage switch immediately upstream of PFI. This will improve reliability, and aid in power restoration after an outage. The project would include replacement of the overhead primary metering installation which is very close to school property.
- ❖ Great big thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers who made Breakfast with Santa a huge hit this year. It was attended by over 100 families.
- ❖ Harbor Security/Fire Vessel electrical upgrade was successfully bid out, with Bear Electric Inc. coming in as the apparent low bidder at \$2,065.00. After review, Bear Electric Inc. was given the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed on 12/16/14 with a contract completion date of 1/15/15. Again, thanks to Randy Holmgrain/PPD who has done the bulk of the grant work/bid process on our behalf.
- ❖ The winch on the bow door ramp of the Harbor Security Vessel is in the process of getting replaced, staff noticed the winch frozen during a training exercise. The Harbor Dept. is very happy to report that we have recently trained and insured Scott Hursey as an additional Harbor Security Vessel Operator.
- ❖ The #2 Crane has been shipped to Maximum Performance in Seattle with a delivery scheduled for Dec 23-24th. They will take a look at the issues and give us a prompt review prior to beginning the rebuild.
- ❖ Thanks to the Street crew and Wastewater staff for repairing the force main at Hungry Point. Great job done by the crew and a thank you to the cooperative and understanding citizenry during the traffic disruptions. The main was found to be in very poor condition and is corroded badly. We will be working on putting a project together to replace the force main with materials that are not susceptible to salt water corrosion.
- ❖ The remainder of the Rasmus Enge bridge work **will not** be complete for ADOT bridge inspectors this month due to the force main failure at Hungry Point. ADOT has agreed to put off inspection of the Borough's bridges until spring 2015.
- ❖ The South Nordic/ Haugen Drive project has been advertised by ADOT. Bids are due to ADOT by December 18th. Work is scheduled to begin ASAP in the spring of 2015 and will likely continue through the 2015 and 2016 construction seasons. Contractors have been visiting and talking to public works about the planned work.
- ❖ With Christmas and New Year's being on Thursdays this year, the baler and garbage pickup schedule is being adjusted to make sure all collection is handled as efficiently as possible. This has resulted in some baler and landfill closures as follows:

- The baler/landfill will be closed from December 24th – 26th and will reopen on December 28th as normal. Wednesday the 24th, garbage and recycling customers are requested to set out carts and bags by 6:00am for an early pick-up. Christmas Day (Thursday) recycling and garbage routes will be picked up on Friday, December 26th.
- The baler/landfill will also be closed on January 1st and 2nd and will reopen on January 4th as normal. Thursday's recycling and garbage routes will be picked up on Friday, January 2nd.
- ❖ A public outcry auction was held for the old motor grader at 10:00am on December 12th. PIA was the only bidder and bid the minimum amount of \$100,000.00.
- ❖ Karl has been working with the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority on an RFP solicitation for scrap metal services in the region. The process was recently completed and SEASWA announced that Pool Engineering of Ketchikan is the preferred vendor for regional scrap metal removal and sales. SEASWA will be working with Pool to contract their services for its membership and other interested municipalities and private companies. The contract will allow Pool to work with SEASWA members for efficient separation and preparation of scrap metals to maximize value of the scrap. Pool will schedule collection events on an annual basis and offer pricing to the scrap owners based on current market values. A contract will be forwarded to the Assembly for approval after terms and conditions are settled.
- ❖ Thanks to Matt Bryner for decking out the library with Christmas lights this year and special thanks to Gerald Lind for his donation of the Community Tree. Even with the wonderful lights, it wouldn't be the same if it wasn't for such a great looking tree.
- ❖ Library Landscaping: A request for proposals is currently being advertised for the earth work and hardscape improvements. The complete RFP is available on the Borough's website. The deadline for submissions is Jan 30 at 2pm.
- ❖ The University of Alaska has secured a Rasmuson Foundation grant on our behalf to cover roughly half the cost (\$14,000) of the library's upcoming migration to a consortia based automation system hosted by the University. The migration is planned for early March.
- ❖ Contractors from Agnew::Beck and Moffat & Nichols were in town last week meeting with residents, including high school students and seniors, Harbor Board, health/wellness agencies, borough staff, PEDC, Land Selection Committee, and touring harbor and borough facilities as part of the kick-off of the comprehensive plan process. By end of Open House on Thursday (12/11), residents had submitted over 125 community surveys.
- ❖ If you haven't yet filled out your community survey, there is still time. The link to the online survey is on the homepage of the borough website – petersburgak.gov. Hard copies of the survey are available at the municipal building and at the public library. The survey is open until January 16th.
- ❖ Joe B. is coordinating work of contractors at Mt. View Manor for replacement of floor and refrigerator. The project has been delayed until January due to contractor schedules.
- ❖ Congratulations to Shelyn who just celebrated her 10 year anniversary at Mountain View Manor.
- ❖ Residents at the Manor are busy this month with Christmas parties, gift exchanges, attending the Nutcracker Dance Recital, and enjoying different groups who have come by caroling and spreading Christmas cheer! Thank you to the Community for supporting our elders.