



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 November 2020**

- ❖ Visitation at Assisted Living continues to go well. Information available on the Borough website. Please call Shelyn at 772-2445 with any questions.
- ❖ Raffle tickets being sold for the covered deck project at the Manor. The drawing will take place on 2/14/21 or sooner if all tickets are sold. 9 beautiful quilts will be given for 9 winning tickets. See Sally Dwyer or Shelyn if you'd like a ticket or have any questions.
- ❖ Tree and site work being completed by Rock-n-Road for Rotary playground at Sandy Beach. Thanks for donating their time to the project. D&D to fall remaining unsafe trees as identified by them and the Forest Service. All trees moved to baler facility for public to cut for firewood.
- ❖ PMPL has pulled temporary power to run extra office trailer and rented heater at Parks & Rec.; a meter to be installed by Mattingly Electric.
- ❖ Morris Engineering Group and Anderson Brothers Electric arrived to begin working to restore basic power to Aquatic Center to allow for increased heating, air flow, and lights. This will address concerns regarding cold weather affects and humidity levels.
- ❖ Individual patron use of Fitness Center continues to be low.
- ❖ The Library Board has accepted a \$100,000 donation to the library's endowment fund from Sue Paulsen. The Community Room will be named in honor of her mother, Helmi Jensen. The donation will be fully endowed so the principle can never be spent, the annual earnings (roughly \$2K per year) will be available for library projects. Sue's support for our library and for all of Petersburg's libraries is legendary. We are thrilled to be naming the Community Room in her mother's honor!
- ❖ Alaska Airlines has made a \$400 donation to support the Discovery Kits project.
- ❖ Passport services have resumed at the Library.
- ❖ Thank you to harbor users for paying attention to their vessels especially during stormy & rainy weather. Please continue to let the Harbor Office know if you plan on being out of town and provide us with your boat watching contact info.
- ❖ PMPL has decided to reject all proposals for supply of equipment for the Blind Slough Hydro project at this time. Without a firm funding arrangement in place, award of the equipment procurement would force the utility into a situation where a bond sale special election is put to the local voters during the pandemic. The hydro facility continues to churn along and PMPL will be monitoring its performance closely while keeping the maintenance program running at full speed to prevent any failures of the switchgear, turbine and generator.

- ❖ A recent meeting with FERC will result in some minor additional stability analysis for the Crystal Lake Dam. The utility received recommendations to perform a new Dam Break Study in the future which may lead to a reduction in the dam hazard classification. Such a reduction would reduce departmental efforts a great deal so PMPL will be looking into this possibility.
- ❖ The police Department and PVFD handed out candy and glow necklaces for Halloween. Thanks for their Holiday spirit.
- ❖ Chief Kerr will be making a presentation for AML on the Community jails program.
- ❖ Completed Round 1 of economic support grants. Thanks to Shannon & Molly for assistance. Final results: 55 applications received; 49 grants awarded. Average grant award: \$9,200. Total amount awarded: \$451,200. Round 2 of economic support grants is now open. Applications are available online & at the Finance Office & Public Library. Deadline to apply is November 20.
- ❖ Nonprofits and childcare providers who received borough CARES Act grants in June/July have until Nov. 30 to spend remaining funds. Recipients should submit grant reports soon.
- ❖ Liz attended AML meeting with ADNRR regarding SB204, the State lands bill that would remove borough platting authority and place it with the State's DNR whenever State turns land over to private hands. Every municipality in attendance voiced concern and opposition. Attended follow up session to provide input on an AML position paper. Expect Legislation to be filed for consideration next year.
- ❖ Sandy returned to work on Nov 2nd. She is catching up and getting back into the swing of things.
- ❖ Ryan organized the Learn-Not-To-Burn program for K-5 at elementary school (ordering educational materials, loaning DVDs, coordinated with school for teachers to present material). Due to COVID no FD volunteers went into school. Annual pump testing on all fire engines was completed by Hughes Fire Service. Josh took an EMT2 course and is going through the process to get certified. He is pursuing ETT instructor certification.
- ❖ Hydrant winterization is complete and snow removal equipment is all prepped and ready.
- ❖ The Streets crew replaced 10 planks on Rasmus Enge bridge and plans to replace a couple more soon, indicating that the bridge deck is nearing the end of its service life. Bridge deck replacement will be included in the Dept's FY22 proposed budget.
- ❖ The intermittent control problem with the solid waste baler appears to be resolved. The issue was a warranty-related manufacturing defect in one of the fuse modules. The faulty module has been replaced and we are hopeful that the problem will not repeat.
- ❖ Several representatives from the City of Klawock, including their Mayor and Public Works Director, visited Petersburg's baling facility on Wednesday, November 4th. We gave them a tour of the site and explained how our solid waste baling process works. Due to an upcoming change in shipping policy by Alaska Marine Lines that will no longer allow municipal solid waste to be shipped in open top containers, Klawock is one of a number of towns in Southeast Alaska that is actively looking at installing a baler to comply with the new policy.

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