



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 3 February 2020**

- ❖ Public Works has been busy dealing with the aftereffects of the recent cold and snowy weather. As services thaw out, more water breaks are discovered. Lots of snow cleanup as well, moving berms and cutting down roads where snow/ice had built up.
- ❖ Rock-N-Road was able to retrieve their grader that got stuck at Papke's and put it back into service. Temporary road repairs have been made to the driveway that was damaged. The repaired area will be touched up once conditions allow for permanent repairs, probably in the spring.
- ❖ Our preliminary review of the Sanitation proposed rate model is scheduled for February 6th.
- ❖ The Library's Art Education Endowment received a major donation from John McCabe, the founder of the fund. The balance of the fund now exceeds \$100,000, a significant milestone for the Endowment. We are overwhelmed with John's remarkable generosity and vision for arts education at the library. A portion of the annual interest earned by the Endowment supports art education at the library.
- ❖ During our recent facility maintenance closure at the Library, much was accomplished: DVD section inventoried, signage was updated, picture books and fiction were weeded and variety of other tasks were accomplished. Mattingly Electric added outlets and installed additional lighting in the women's restroom, Raincountry Contracting performed maintenance on our mechanical systems, augured drains and installed new flush valves on the toilets.
- ❖ Shelyn is working on the providers paperwork for Telehealth Assessment capabilities from the State of Alaska. This will enable us to complete Medicaid assessments for our residents without having to take them to a different location. This will also enable us to collect revenue from the State for providing this service.
- ❖ SWELL LLC received preliminary approval for LIHTC credits subject to an environmental review of their site for the proposed housing project.
- ❖ The Visitor Industry working group met on January 24. The group is reviewing the report and fine-tuning recommendations. They also discussed possible uses for the marine passenger fee. The group plans to meet again in mid-February to review a final draft of the document. The draft will then be submitted to PEDC.
- ❖ PEDC submitted comments in response to the US DOT request for information on rural transportation projects and submitted comments in response to proposed rulemaking regarding critical habitat designation for the Mexico DPS of humpback whale.
- ❖ Water Dept. Staff was busy keeping the cold weather at bay and customers in water during the cold snap. Homeowners should take precautions to protect water lines and water meters to avoid stoppages in water service and potential water damage from a burst pipe. Insulating piping, repairing skirting and adding supplemental heat to crawl spaces can help to keep the water flowing. Running a faucet even a small amount during the coldest

weather will prevent a freeze up.

- ❖ WW Staff pitched in with labor and equipment to research the leaks in the community pool. Big thanks to Justin Haley and crew for the time spent at the facility.
- ❖ A draft design study report for the Pump Station 4 Force Main project was received from PND Engineers. We are providing review comments to the engineers and moving toward a direction for final design on the improvements soon.
- ❖ SEAPA continues to work on defining the possibilities for repair or replacement of the marine cable failure. A marine survey boat is on site as of Monday, January 13, and gathering more data regarding the routing and depth of siltation of the faulted cable.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs, Blind Slough Hydro project engineering firm, has provided 60% drawings and specs for the hydro equipment procurement as well as the construction contract. Staff met with engineers on January 23rd and 24th to review the project, the budget and scope of the work.
- ❖ John Heberling, with D.Hittle and Associates has provided a draft of revenue requirements for PMPL based on capital and operations plans. Mr. Heberling has also continued forward and worked on the cost of service analysis. Progress is being made and I hope to complete the study by the end of February.
- ❖ PMPL spent the week of January 27th rolling out the trial phase of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure system in the harbor. Various components were installed, including a trial run of electric meters, and training sessions were held with PMPL and finance staff. As of the writing of this report, all is going smoothly, and it looks like the meters are communicating with the data collector as they should. Following initial training and gaining confidence in the system and software, the North Harbor will be fully upgraded to the AMI meters. Additional harbors and other customers will be considered for inclusion in AMI system expansions as future budgeting allows.
- ❖ P&R had the lap pool full last week and the temperature is coming up. Cody has been monitoring the chemicals and the temperature to make sure everything is going well. We have had the staff working on getting the pool (mostly the leisure pool) ready to open by scrubbing tiles, cleaning out sand/debris from drains, pressure washing pool/pool deck, and cleaning/waxing slide. The plan is to do this maintenance now while the pool is down, so there will be no maintenance downtime in May.
- ❖ For the month of Jan/Feb, P&R has been running the volleyball program with Coach Jaime Cabral and Chrystine Lynn, with 28 kids participating between 3rd and 8th grade.
- ❖ Stephanie has taken a "Bridge" exam for certification to teach the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course and is currently instructing 7 young ladies in Girl Scout Troop 4065.
- ❖ SEACAD (Petersburg, Juneau, AST, FBI, US Postal Inspectors) conducted a controlled delivery in Petersburg. Investigation is still ongoing but resulted in the seizure of 114 grams of meth. Distribution charges are expected.
- ❖ With staff returning the Petersburg PD is looking at cutting 60 hours of scheduled overtime a month. This will change when you factor in sick, PTO, injuries, court, training and other factors.