



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 4 February 2019**

- ❖ Sandy participated in an executive committee teleconference for Southeast Region Emergency Medical Services (SEREMS) Council, and a Crisis Response meeting for Petersburg School District.
- ❖ Building Official will be out of the office until February 25th. Building and plumbing plan reviews, new permits, inspections, and occupancy certificates are not available during his absence. Electric inspections are available through PMP&L.
- ❖ The proposed zoning map is scheduled for public hearing at the Planning Commission on February 12th and March 12th. A letter with the hearing schedule and draft map was mailed to all property owners in Service Area 1 in early January. The link to an interactive draft map is also on the borough web site.
- ❖ Winter conditions are ongoing. The snow watch policy is in effect with sanding and plowing as needed.
- ❖ The Public Works crew assisted the Sanitation Dept. by hauling concrete blocks to construct a temporary barrier wall around the conveyor pit at the baling facility. The old conveyor was demolished by the Streets crew and removed from the building in preparation for the upcoming baler replacement.
- ❖ Project development for the baler replacement is underway.
- ❖ Sanitation Operator Alex Maldonado has given his 2-week notice and will be leaving the department in February. Alex has been a great asset to our crew and we wish him well in his future endeavors. We will be looking for another driver in the coming weeks.
- ❖ Chris will be out of the office Feb 11-14 while attending the Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit in Juneau.
- ❖ Staff will be soliciting a proposal for our Periodic Safety Inspections at the City Creek and Cabin Creek Dams. These must be performed every three years by qualified engineers. The inspections will likely take place this summer.
- ❖ It is winter! Customers should please be protecting their water meters from freezing where possible.
- ❖ WW Staff has been painting a reclaimed metal structure from a pump station project prior to erecting the structure for use as a wood chip storage shed for the composting program.
- ❖ The WW department received the replacement inspection camera last month and has been able to use it to good effect. They were able to better investigate the sewer service at the Municipal building and found some misaligned pipe joints in the service lateral out near the main. We are still working out a plan with Public Works for a remedy.

- ❖ Design work is back underway for the Scow Bay Pump Station 1 Replacement. The project was delayed to sort out the best approach to the work but PND is back to producing construction documents with the goal of building this in 2019.
- ❖ A project to replace a poorly graded sewer main on Kiseno Street, utilizing an ADEC loan, is moving ahead. The designer, Harai and Associates, will be working through the process to achieve an Approval to Construct from ADEC and helping with the bidding process in the spring.
- ❖ Future WW RFP's in the works: Pump Station 4 Force Main Replacement Design.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs is working hard to finish up analysis of various proposed improvements and the recommended CIP for the Blind Slough Hydro by the end of February.
- ❖ Hard rains and warm temperatures gave Crystal Lake a two-foot increase in water level over the weekend of January 26-27. We are still below where we should be, but if the warm, wet winter continues we may be at our guide curve level by March.
- ❖ Lake levels at Tyee and Swan lakes also benefitted from the recent rains. Ketchikan is working with SEAPA, Petersburg and Wrangell to operate their diesel plant so that Swan Lake can be replenished to a level that would sustain power sales to Petersburg and Wrangell if Tyee Lake cannot fully supply the Northern communities this spring. It is normal for both lakes to experience a marked drawdown at this time of the year and Ketchikan's willingness to burn fuel to produce power for their community is opening up the opportunity to wheel power North and minimize or eliminate diesel plant runs in Petersburg and Wrangell.
- ❖ PMPL Staff successfully dealt with some small outages due to heavy snow on the lines earlier in January.
- ❖ Proposals for the North Harbor AMI project were due on Friday, February 1. The project will test the radio coverage for automated electrical metering in the extents of the harbor and deploy new AMI meters in the entire North Harbor. An evaluation committee will set about reading and scoring the proposals in preparation for an award recommendation to the Assembly.
- ❖ Lots of FERC reporting taking place. Staff is doing a great job in keeping all of this squared away.
- ❖ Future PMPL RFP's in the works: Downtown Street Lighting replacement, and Superior Building Roof Replacement.