



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 05 October 2020**

- ❖ Taking applications for Elderly Housing to build our wait list.
- ❖ We recently received ADEC approval for a piping change at the Water Storage Tank and can now procure the materials to complete a project in the spring.
- ❖ The increase to the ADEC loan for Scow Bay 1 Pump Station Upgrades project is complete. The total loan has been increased to \$744,695. However, ADEC has also set the amount of principal forgiveness at \$219,500. This forgiveness is essentially a grant to the project. Total debt for the project will be \$525,195.
- ❖ Various conditions/events have contributed to localized and systemwide outages recently. Tree trimming, bird related issues and an error by a SEAPA contractor at the Tyee powerhouse have all played a part in recent issues. Amazingly enough, the windstorm on September 27th did not cause any outages. Thanks to the work of the department for getting power back on as soon as possible for the unforeseen events.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs discussed the Blind Slough equipment procurement RFP with PMPL staff on Sept. 24th. Karl will be forwarding an Intent to Award letter to the Assembly soon to seek approval for negotiating with the highest ranked vendor. After negotiations are complete, we will return to the Assembly with a final award recommendation.
- ❖ PMPL recently had a specialty contractor at the hydro to perform an overhaul on our Woodward governor. This work will ensure that the 65-year-old governor will remain reliable until it is replaced.
- ❖ PD has marked impounded vehicles for destruction. Public Works will be taking vehicles to the dump.
- ❖ Lots of local concern and action on a black bear sow and 3 cubs in town. PD is working with the wildlife troopers on a plan to catch and relocate using tranquilizer darts.
- ❖ The storm on September 27th caused some localized flooding, but these issues were reported and addressed before any infrastructure or property damage resulted. Thanks to Foreman Odegaard for the quick response on a Sunday!
- ❖ Public Works assisted the local EOC with installation of an upgraded canvas shelter for the airport Covid screeners.
- ❖ The Solid Waste Rate Study consultant (FCS Group) has indicated they are available to present the results of the rate study to the Assembly at their regular meeting scheduled for November 2nd. The Assembly will need to let us know on how you would like to proceed.
- ❖ Several of us met with a vendor from Anchorage that has a plan for the necessary reconfiguration and repairs for the sound system in the Assembly Chambers. This is not a budgeted project and may exceed my

spending authority. We should receive a comprehensive estimate in the next week or two.

- ❖ We got another report of carpenter ants in the PD. Sam is assessing the issue to see if we need to bring the pest control tech back for another treatment.
- ❖ The Harbor is working with ideas for using the 2016 salmon disaster money. Approximately \$100,000.
- ❖ We have had a surge of people looking to overwinter & store their vessels in Petersburg. Shaping up to be a pretty full harbor this winter.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. had their second Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1st. Still seeking positive, supportive community members to fill empty seats. Contact Deb Thompson!
- ❖ The Bathrooms at Outlook Park and Sandy Beach have been winterized and closed park for winter.
- ❖ P&R Basketball has begun! Schedule and group assignments online and at front desk.
- ❖ There is now a substantial amount of graffiti on the south and west sides of the library building. Our cleaner will be attempting to remove it in the next few days, hopefully it will not be necessary to replace the siding.
- ❖ The state-wide library consortium will resume inter-library lending Wednesday Sept 29. This has been suspended since libraries across the state closed due to COVID in mid-March.
- ❖ As of 9/29, received over 30 applications for the economic support program for businesses. This equates to over \$300,000 in funding requests or 63% of available funds. Deadline to apply for this program is October 8. More information on the borough website.
- ❖ Comm Dev. is spending significant time working on Valhalla Place as it prepares to begin construction, including coordinating plan reviews, discussions with architect, responding to due diligence questions from lenders, coordinating with state and local fire marshal, processing lot consolidation, and scheduling pre-construction meetings.
- ❖ Liz, Jody, Danielle, Tara, Debbie and I are working to analyze/review of the capabilities of Municode's website product vs Granicus vs our current GovOffice product in advance of the possibility of switching service providers.
- ❖ Liz attended SE Conference Seafood Committee meeting. Requested the committee consider adding supporting SE fisheries disaster declaration to the list of short-term goals.
- ❖ The Secretary of Commerce has announced a NEW target date of October 5, 2020 to conclude 2020 Census self-response and field data collection operations. Petersburg's self-response rate is 53.9%. This is below the statewide average of 54.2% and the 2010 response rate of 69%.
- ❖ Review and permitting ongoing on Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing project upgrading heating and/or electrical and plumbing systems in 12 existing homes.

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