



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 8 February 2021**

- ❖ Members of the Planning Commission will be attending virtual training held by AK Chapter of American Planning Association in February. Appreciate commissioners volunteering their time to attend.
- ❖ Three affordable housing projects are underway. Building permits and work started on the PIA duplex on Ira II, the 15-unit building on Excel St, and efficiency units on S 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- ❖ IRS announced it is delaying the start of the 2020 tax filing season to February 12, 2021. Agency needs more time to prepare for tax provisions in Covid Relief bill. Deadline to file has not changed and is still April 15, 2021.
- ❖ The CDC has extended the current order temporarily halting residential evictions until at least March 31, 2021.
- ❖ Petersburg Borough's population dropped in 2020 according to state estimates. Population estimate is 3,189, which 1.2% lower than 2019. Statewide population declined by .5%.
- ❖ The library's Community Reading Challenge runs through Jan 31. We have reached our community goal of reading 100,000 minutes in January. About 100 people are participating in the program.
- ❖ Two Rainforest Writers Workshops will be offered in February. The workshops are taught by Orin Pierson and sponsored by the Petersburg Library Art Education Endowment.
- ❖ Tara is reviewing and updating the Borough's website in preparation for moving to a new website platform in the spring. She is working directly with other Department Heads regarding updates to their department's section of the site.
- ❖ Harbor Office is taking appointments for the annual USCG Dockside exams that are planned for February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Phone number is 772-4688 to set up an exam.
- ❖ Maintenance activities ongoing at the treatment plant and Cabin Creek pump station.
- ❖ Water Staff working on replacing chemical feed line conduit to make future feed line replacements easier.
- ❖ We have completed the quarterly inspections at the dams.
- ❖ Harai and Associates has been hired to begin design work on a failing section of sewer main on Ira II Street.

- ❖ The owner of 410 Mitkof Highway is appealing the Assembly's confirmation of the Order of Abatement to an unlawful sewer discharge. The issue is working its way through the court system. ADEC has been notified of the violation.
- ❖ Electrician has been working on an LED lighting conversion at the power plant.
- ❖ PMPL Staff will be flying up to Crystal Lake Dam soon to replace a failed drive unit for the pumpback system.
- ❖ PMPL crew is identifying areas of concern regarding encroaching trees on our system and will address these once our apprentice returns in February from his final line school session.
- ❖ We crew will be performing some infrared surveying of the distribution system during the cold, clear weather to locate any potential points of weakness in the system.
- ❖ Mechanic replaced one of the heads, a piston and liner for a 20-cylinder EMD that had experienced a coolant leak.
- ❖ PMPL Director has been working through a negotiation with the top ranked equipment vendor for the Blind Slough Hydro project. Progress has been good, and an agreement is taking shape.
- ❖ The crew will be scheduling the removal of downtown holiday lights in early February.
- ❖ Visitation at Assisted Living continues. Information available on the Borough website. Please call Shelyn at 772-2445 or 518-0528 with any questions.
- ❖ We continue to do daily screening on all employees including temperature checks, daily questionnaire, strict sick leave policy, diligent hand washing, and sanitizing high touch areas multiple times a day. We continue to take daily temps on all residents and monitor for any signs of illness.
- ❖ 1/22 PMC provided free asymptomatic testing at Petersburg Elderly Housing
- ❖ Tickets still being sold for our covered deck project. 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 would like a ticket or have any questions.
- ❖ PMC Doctors continue to see residents for routine appointments at Assisted Living.
- ❖ We have applied with the State for FEMA disaster-relief funding to help with repairing the damage caused by the failed culvert and resulting landslide at the Public Works yard.
- ❖ The new Streets Dept wash truck arrived in January and has been inspected, tested and winterized. It is ready to start work when spring arrives.
- ❖ We have been fielding lots of questions from prospective bidders on the Motor Pool Shop repair project. The bid date is being extended by one week to allow bidders to respond to some clarifications that are currently in progress. Bids will now be due on Friday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ A big thank you to Sanitation Supervisor Aaron Marohl for helping with snow removal when the Streets Dept. was short-handed during our first snow event of the season.