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City Manager Report  
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I attended the FEMA Insurance training (Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP) February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. This was a very good training opportunity and there was a lot to learn. This was my first training opportunity although I have been involved with Mitigation Plans in other river and coastal communities. One very important date that I have found is that Aniak has been involved in the FEMA Insurance Plan since May 2, 1975.

Our community is in dire need of updated Comprehensive Community Plan along with current Demographic that would be able to be utilized by the Tribe and other organizations needing to apply for grants.

Village Safe Water (VSW) Engineer assigned to assist the Aniak community with its sanitation (i.e., drinking water, wastewater and solid waste management) project capital improvement needs. The VSW Program works together with the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), regional health organizations and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Develop Program (RD) to plan and construct sanitation capital improvement projects (CIPs) in rural Alaska. Possible dollars, if appropriated will amount to \$200,000.00.

I have not finished my research for Federal grants for funds to revitalize our Fire Department in hopes to hire a paid Fire Chief. Other programs would include getting certified Volunteer Fire Fighters, EMTs and First Responders This may also serve to start a Search & Rescue Team. So far, all I have gotten is just gathering information and just asking other communities as to their process in submitting their proposals.