



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 20 March 2023**

- ❖ Parks and Rec, along with PSD maintenance technician Aaron Buller, installed the new pool covers over Spring Break.
- ❖ PSD and Parks and Rec will be working together with SERRC to add the Community Center sewer line repairs added to the DEED CIP list for possible reimbursement in future.
- ❖ Biddable documents are expected later this month for the sewer line project to be ready to be put out for bid.
- ❖ Pat Blair is submitting all needed paperwork to state to create the Friends of the Bike Park and gain non-profit status.
- ❖ Open Volleyball on Monday and Wednesday nights has been seeing amazing turnout, trying to spread the word for Water Volleyball and Water Polo on Monday and Thursday nights, respectively.
- ❖ Over 100 people of all ages participated in the library's Winter Reading Challenge, logging 65,000 reading minutes and doing philanthropic activities that help build our community. Two winners will be selected, they will be able to give \$500 to a local non-profit of their choice. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Petersburg's Libraries.
- ❖ Kathy Rousso, master basket weaver from Ketchikan, will be giving an artist's slide show & presentation followed by a three-day basket weaving class in late March. The library currently has several of her amazing baskets on display. This program is funded by the Alaska Community Foundation's Healthy Communities Grant and the Petersburg Library Art Education Endowment.
- ❖ Upcoming programs and events at the library include Estate Planning with Lawyer Liz Smith (March 17), Baby Massage & Mama Care with Jessica Toth of Healing Hands Chinese Therapeutic Massage, Rainforest Writers with Orin Pierson, Maker's Space for Kids (March 9 & 16), Stories in Motion (every Thursday) and a Friends of the Library Book Sale (April 1).
- ❖ ADEC has informed the water utility that we will be required to complete a Lead Service Line Inventory by late 2024. This effort will be substantial and will document every water service line in the community, both private or public. The department's professional services budget will reflect the hiring of consultants to assist with this endeavor, although overall effort and costs are not known at this point.
- ❖ Wastewater department has reviewed a technical memorandum produced by PND Engineers to lay out several design alternatives for the Pump Station 4 project. The department is seeking a proposal from PND to develop final design and construction documents.

- ❖ On a related note, ADEC has accepted a funding questionnaire from the utility for a loan increase to the Pump Station 4 project and has indicated that we may start the loan request process. Additional documents required for this loan request will be coming to the Assembly soon.
- ❖ ADEC has issued comments in regard to the department's WW discharge water quality certification forms. We will be required to provide additional information on treatment alternatives and costs.
- ❖ The Blind Slough FERC license amendment has still not been approved, and subsequently the construction project has not received approval either. PMPL recently requested approval of pre-construction activities from the Portland Regional Office so that the Contractor may start mobilization and material delivery to the site. Senate delegations have contacted the FERC office in Washington DC on our behalf and we are hopeful that project approvals will be coming soon.
- ❖ The effort to convert to AMI smart meters continues with the recent install of Large Commercial meters in the system. Staff continues to plan for meter replacements although the supply chain for these meters is highly strained and lead times seem to be getting longer and longer.
- ❖ The department is working with our selected consultant to coordinate the next Part 12D Periodic Inspection with FERC.
- ❖ NC Machinery has committed to the first two weeks of April to complete the rebuild on the Caterpillar 398.
- ❖ Tour ship schedule has firmed up, with 112 stops so a few more than last year right now.
- ❖ SH Dredge has been suspended until environmental windows open back up. Approx half the dredge materials have been removed, with the worst areas in the egress in and out of the South Harbor opened up.
- ❖ During the last set of minus tides, the waterline in the Middle Harbor was damaged causing staff to realize sediment coming out of Hammers Slough has built up considerably over the winter. Staff contacted the USACE to apply for an emergency permit to remove sediment and through discussion was able to get the same authorization as was used in 2012 in the same area through the USACE Nation Wide Permit #35 that allows communities to dredge existing harbor basins. Staff worked with Rock N Road to establish quantities and cost estimate for removing 1600 cubic yards from the Middle Harbor and disposing of it at the Public Works Mud dump. Estimate is part of the proposed supplemental budget.
- ❖ Mountain View Assisted Living is full.
- ❖ Derrick is working with Medicaid to recover some past unreimbursed bills.
- ❖ As part of the OSHA inspection at Assisted Living, we are ordering an additional Hoyer lift and an eyewash station.
- ❖ Police Department won the 2nd annual chili cookoff, although the Fire Department is claiming a faulty voting machine and asking for a recount! 🤔
- ❖ Officers Waechter and Aikins attended SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) training in Anchorage.
- ❖ Waiting on install and training dates from the vendor on the digital fingerprint machine. PCS finished all install requirements for the PD.