



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 06 September 2022**

- ❖ 2022 Youth Basketball Season is open for registration. Register online or see the Front Desk for assistance. Included is a new Pre-K session!
- ❖ Parks and Rec is hosting a Referee Clinic on Wed., Sept 7th from 7-8p. Please meet at the Community Gym if interested in participating in this year's season.
- ❖ Parks and Rec has their new fall season schedule available, which includes an evening Water Aerobic session on Monday night. Schedules can be seen on Facebook and Parks and Rec website.
- ❖ Parks and Rec Triathlon Club is hosting a triathlon on Saturday, Sept. 24 @ 9a. See Scott Burt for more details.
- ❖ The Borough's annual financial Audit is scheduled for the week of September 12th. The audit will be conducted by BDO USA, LLP.
- ❖ Petersburg Community Jail contract was increased from \$173,626 to \$369,484. This is an increase of \$195,858 to the contract. This increase to the jail contract covers the additional Police/Dispatcher funding approved by the assembly this budget year.
- ❖ The Streets crew removed an old manhole and installed a new sewer service lateral for a property on South Nordic Drive.
- ❖ Impounded vehicles were hauled to the landfill for disposal.
- ❖ A FEMA representative was onsite August 30 to perform the final inspection of the Public Works culvert replacement project. The project is now approved for close out.
- ❖ The crew replaced 21 deck planks on the Rasmus Enge Bridge. Full deck replacement is needed soon – it was last done in 2014.
- ❖ Garbage bear complaints have decreased dramatically in the last couple of weeks. We attribute this to the community doing a much better job of keeping garbage secured – hopefully the bears will find food sources elsewhere and stay out of town. Thanks to the Petersburg Police Department for their efforts in educating the public about the importance of keeping garbage secured.
- ❖ Maintenance Techs Jim Holder and Sam Jackson have wrapped up maintenance work at the museum for the time being. We are still hoping to get some new gutters installed before the winter season. There is also some additional siding to replace next spring.

- ❖ After a couple of delays, a technician from Allegrezza Door Company visited Petersburg last week to inspect and evaluate the Borough's bay doors in several locations. The baler, Public Works garage, police dept and fire department bay doors were inspected, adjusted, and evaluated to determine if any required replacement. All doors were found to be in serviceable condition.
- ❖ Community Development department is continuing to clear out residential building plans from past projects. Homeowners will either receive their plans in the mail or receive a letter explaining where to pick up the house plans. We would appreciate it if homeowners would let us know if they do not want their plans back, so we can dispose of them.
- ❖ Molly met with Alaska Broadband Office to discuss their data needs as they attempt to document access and service level throughout the state. Per the discussion, the federal efforts to map broadband access have largely been based on census tract data, which is usually not detailed nor accurate enough in rural areas. Hopefully, we'll be able to review and provide supplemental data for the borough.
- ❖ Liz met with new planner from Dillingham to discuss the minor lot consolidation process used in Petersburg. Dillingham looking at the pros and cons of adopting a similar ordinance.
- ❖ In August the library offered a pilot program for Sealaska Heritage Institute's Baby Raven Reads Program. Three story times were offered that featured Lingít culture and language. Jeanette Ness was our cultural specialist and local elders Debra O'Gara, Mary Ann Rainey, Mary Katasse-Miller and Karin McCullough contributed to the program. Nearly 40 community members participated in the story time events. This program will now be expanded to 12 additional communities and libraries in Southeast Alaska.
- ❖ The slowdown in summer harbor traffic has allowed for staff to concentrate on annual maintenance projects like cleaning underside of floats, waterline & fire lines of growth; power – washing launch ramp and float/cleaning stations; mucking out grids and power washing grid bents.
- ❖ Water department received ADEC approval for a change in plan to accomplish the Storage Tank Piping project. We will install a vented blind on the upstream side of the existing valve to double up on cross connection protections as required by ADEC. A concrete vault will be constructed to allow easy access if the blind must be removed, and the valve operated in the event of a failure at the storage tank.
- ❖ Cabin Creek and City Creek dam periodic safety inspections are scheduled for September.
- ❖ The department has located a used tub grinder in Tok, Alaska and is working with the owner to negotiate a price within our budget. The unit was shown to staff through a facetime call, and it appears to be in great shape with only a couple minor issues to address.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro project continues to progress toward bidding. McMillen Jacobs is working toward 95% plans and would like to get the project out on the street by September 16th.
- ❖ Thanks to the police department for investigating theft of utility services at a location in the Scow Bay area.
- ❖ Karl is working on a presentation of the Scow Bay Generation project for the Assembly and hopes to have it ready by the second meeting in September.
- ❖ Power & Light has prepared estimates for extending electrical system through the various subdivisions that are being considered for development.