



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 15 July 2024**

- ❖ There are no applicants for the open EMS coordinator position as of 7/9/24. Aaron continues to fill in for this position as he can.
- ❖ Recently a meeting was held with the USCG and community stakeholders addressing USCG's capabilities to help run Mass Casualty response exercises. The USCG sent port security specialist Tom Pauser and Mike Pierson from Juneau to provide a brief on what these exercises could look like for Petersburg, Funding opportunities for these exercises, and methods to gauge community involvement.
- ❖ Aaron is working with Katmai Solutions, to provide a third-party report on changes that need to be made to the 2010 disaster response plan. This report will serve the purpose of advising the LEPC and Borough administration of changes that either should be made, updated or added in the new update.
- ❖ PVFD volunteers are trying to raise awareness about the importance of having good signage for residences, so responders know where to when 911 is called. The PVFD Association sells reflective address signs for the community. The volunteers will also help install the sign upon request. If interested, please contact the Fire Dept. at 772-3355.
- ❖ Sanitation volume continues to be high with tour ships and fish processors generating a lot of refuse.
- ❖ Water production is ramping up due to increased demand from processors. At a little over 1M gallons per day we are roughly double our off-season production levels, with peak production expected later in the summer. The water plant is designed to produce up to 4 million gallons per day. We normally won't see daily water production exceed about 2.5 MGD in the summer.
- ❖ The Alaska Rural Water Association is in town conducting a sanitary survey of the Water dept, as required by ADEC. A sanitary survey is an inspection of the water treatment plant. It must be performed by a qualified consultant per ADEC. The inspection looks at the condition and safety of our treatment system and standard operations to identify any equipment or processes that could be unsafe for our customers.
- ❖ The Wastewater crew assisted processor EC Phillips with some pump station issues they were having at their bunkhouse. The Borough's vacor truck was used to clear the pump station to allow a contractor access to do some diagnostic and repair work.
- ❖ Admin staff working on transition activities related to bringing Water and Wastewater back into Public Works.
- ❖ Derrick is working on the annual adjustments for the service rates at Assisted Living.

- ❖ Finishing up with the final parts of the OSHA inspection at Assisted Living. OSHA asked for some clarification on what had been sent to them. This will include adding some additional training for the staff on OSHA requirements.
- ❖ Sprint Triathlon happening on Saturday, July 20th with a 9a transition time and a 10a start time! Contact Parks and Rec and/or Scott Burt for more details and to get registered!
- ❖ Another round of swim lessons will begin on the 22nd for the continuation of swim levels. Keep an eye out around Parks and Rec and Facebook for more information.
- ❖ Registration is open now for Parks and Rec Youth Volleyball Camp beginning on Aug. 5th for 6th - 8th grade, and Aug 12th for 3rd -5th grade. Stop in for more information and to get your player registered!
- ❖ Property tax invoices were mailed out on July 1st. The due date is October 15th. Please contact the finance department if you have questions at 907-772-5409.
- ❖ Harbor staff appreciates all the players at the Drive Down working together. Busy place and most are very considerate of each other.
- ❖ Tuesday, harbor staff participated in a tabletop mass casualty drill led by EMS Director Hankins and USCG SE Sector emergency preparedness team. Was informative and good practice for a potential incident.
- ❖ Harbor staff has been working with Attorney Heideman to develop language to better the Boroughs code structure for dealing with abandoned/derelict vessel situations.
- ❖ The annual SEAPA shutdown went smoothly, and the diesel fuel adjustment charge has been calculated to be **1.3 cents per KWH** for usage in the June billing period. This adjustment will show up on the utility bills at the end of July. The higher output from the Blind Slough Hydro, a shorter shutdown period and our customer's energy conservation efforts saved a substantial amount of fuel over the previous year. A lower fuel price in general also helped dramatically. For reference, last year's adjustment was 2.7 cents per KWH.
- ❖ The annual Dam Safety Inspection with FERC engineers and our contracted Chief Dam Safety Engineer will be on July 18th. Various maintenance activities have been accomplished in the last month so that we are ready for the inspection.
- ❖ Staff is reviewing the draft 30% design-build plans and specs from EPS for the Scow Bay Generator project.
- ❖ The line crew has been working on various projects and services, including a line extension at Libby Lane, the WERC building power and other new customers.
- ❖ A reminder for water system customers to fill out the Lead Service Line Inventory survey that went out in the June utility bills. If customers have any questions, please contact the water department at 907-772-4760.
- ❖ Karl is still working on Pumpstation 4, WW discharge permitting and closeout of older WW projects with ADEC.