



**Borough Manager Report  
Papke's Landing  
June 6, 2022**

The Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) planner Joanne Schmidt, and Southcoast regional Director Lance Mearig, have stated that ADOT would like to transfer ownership of Papke's to the Petersburg Borough. Initially ADOT also was requesting the Borough take on ownership and maintenance requirements for Papke's Road, however this is no longer being discussed at this time. I believe ADOT would still like the Borough to take this road, however I explained to ADOT that the Petersburg Borough Charter does not allow for the Borough to take on road maintenance outside of Service Area 1, and any changes to the charter would require a Borough wide vote.

At the August 9, 2021, Assembly Meeting, a quorum of the Assembly approved an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$35,920 for the purpose of creating conceptual drawings for the proposed Papke's Landing facility, and for design documents for a breakwater at Banana Point boat launch.

On March 20, 2022, Harai and Associates, Inc., provided the conceptual drawings for Papke's to the Borough Manager. These documents were provided to Harbormaster Wollen with instructions from the Borough Manager to review the proposed drawings with the Harbor Board and make recommendations before them being sent to the Assembly.

On April 15, 2022, the Petersburg Harbor Advisory Board met, and discussed these plans. The Board and several members of the public in attendance, asked questions of the Engineer, Alan Murph, and received input from him and the audience. The plans were forwarded to the Assembly for future action and additional public comment.

The Borough Assembly met at the Assembly meeting of April 18, 2022, with an Assembly discussion item to discuss the next steps for the proposed project. The Assembly discussed additional public input and the conceptual drawing were made available to the public on the Borough's website, and notices were placed in several locations asking the public to provide comments.

With help from several Alaska Department of Transportation staff, I was able to connect with an Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) representative John King on April 28, 2022, to discuss the process the Petersburg Borough would need to follow to obtain ownership of the tidelands and uplands associated with the Papke's facilities. He forwarded ADNR's process, and I have been working on getting the full application together. This involves several of the issues on this agenda, and the Borough agreeing to pay for the surveys on the property in question.

On May 5, 2022, a meeting was held with Assembly Members Kensinger and Lynn present, along with Alan Murph and several members of the public. Comments and concerns regarding the proposed drawings were made, and it is my understanding that these comments will be added to any public responses received. It is my understanding that the Borough will need to agree to the plans for Papke's prior to ADNR allowing any transfer of the tidelands or uplands property, although this is still under discussion.

### **Future Assembly Approval Required**

1. Resolution in support of the acquisition of the Tidelands and Uplands at Papke's Landing
2. Approval of conceptual plans
3. Approval to order and pay for a survey of the tidelands and uplands at Papke's Landing.