



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 07 March 2022**

- ❖ The streets crew finished repainting and installing new deck planking on the large tilt-bed trailer. This was a big project, but much needed and should extend the working lifespan of this piece of equipment by several more years.
- ❖ Recent mild weather has allowed us to get the street sweeper into action and get a head start on picking up some of this winter's accumulated traction sand.
- ❖ The Public Works Culvert Replacement project is out to bid, with the bid opening scheduled for March 11th.
- ❖ Finalizing vehicle replacement and O&M budgets for all Borough Depts.
- ❖ Finalizing a schedule for the transition to every-other-week recycling. Tentative start date for the new schedule will be the week of April 4th. The change in schedule will be publicly noticed for several weeks beforehand to give customers plenty of lead time to plan for the shift. Residential customers will see reduced pickups (every-other-week instead of weekly), however most commercial customers will continue to be picked up at the same frequency as before.
- ❖ We are planning to bring back the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event this year, probably in late summer. Our past HHW event provider has sharply raised prices and we are first going to solicit proposals from regional HHW collectors to see if we can get the cost down to something reasonable.
- ❖ Now that the Streets crew is back in the Motor Pool Shop building which has freed up some space, Sam has relocated his office to the Public Works building.
- ❖ Last COVID case at the Manor was February 24th. Folks seem to be recovering, although at a slower pace.
- ❖ Will be reopening for visitors at the Manor soon. Please call Shelyn with any questions or updates on the visitation status.
- ❖ A huge thank you to staff who worked double shifts and extra shifts to cover during the Covid outbreak.
- ❖ With the continued staffing issues in town, Shelyn and I have begun conversations about limiting new residents at the Manor to lower care levels. This will not impact current residents but could have an impact on availability of rooms for people who need additional care above a set care level. We may also consider converting some apartments back to independent living rather than Assisted Living. This again, would not impact existing residents.
- ❖ Dispatch is currently staffed with just two dispatchers, so Captain Holmgren is filling in. As of this report, we have no current, qualified candidates for the open positions.

- ❖ Reviewed options for Axon Fleet 3 police in-car cameras with Mark Testoni, Jeff Meucci and the Axon Rep. Rep is providing updated quote for this coming budget year.
- ❖ Property Tax assessments were mailed on March 1st. Property owners have one month to appeal. More information can be found on the Borough's website.
- ❖ If you own a home and have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for Alaska Housing Homeowner Assistance. The program may help cover: Mortgage payments, Past due property taxes, Insurance premiums, Utilities.
The application process is easy and confidential. Check your eligibility and apply online at: AlaskaHousingRelief.org. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2022.
- ❖ The online property map viewer will be updated with new ownership information and assessed values as soon as possible. Work on the update was delayed due to the borough server issues.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs continues to draft and refine the FERC non-capacity license amendment that is required for the Blind Slough Hydro project.
- ❖ PMPL issued an RFP for replacement of the Superior Building roof. Proposals are due March 11th.
- ❖ The line crew is still working to upgrade numerous streetlights to LED.
- ❖ No applications for the open Journeyman Lineman have been received.
- ❖ Line and Operations staff recently received industry specific safety training on PPE, Hazard Assessment, Minimum Approach Distances, Second Points of Contact, Equipotential Grounding and Chainsaw safety.
- ❖ NC Machinery will have all parts for the 399-generator overhaul by the end of March. The work is scheduled to begin during the first week in April.
- ❖ Scott Burt finishing Ironman Triathlon Coach certification. A Spin Bike instructor will also be hosting sessions soon as well to begin triathlon training. If interested in triathlon training or competitions, please contact Scott at Parks and Rec.
- ❖ Swim Lesson sessions to begin mid-March! Contact Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ Lunch time Swim and Basketball starting March 7th! Call Parks and Rec for specific details, check Facebook, and listen to KFSK for more details!
- ❖ Stephanie and her team are working on the maintenance list for the Community Center facility closure in conjunction with the replacement of the boilers and other repairs related to the electrical fire. Contractors are still on schedule for late spring and Parks & Rec. is coordinating with the school.
- ❖ We received a letter from the Environmental consultant regarding the Petro Marine property. His recommendation is to wait until the final report is received from Chevron and then upon review of the report, make a recommendation on how to proceed. This will be sometime in 2022.