



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 06 March 2023**

- ❖ Derek Gibb and his crew have been doing a great job working on keeping the Elderly Housing parking lot cleared out.
- ❖ COVID sweeping through town has made it's way to the Manor. Please limit visits to Elderly Housing and Assisted Living the next week or so.
- ❖ Our HUD/OCAF paperwork has been submitted for the annual automatic rent increase at Elderly Housing . The operating cost adjustment factor (OCAF) for 2023 is 6% and will be effective July 1, 2023.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department, AST, and other law enforcement partners and the PVFD will be holding our 2nd annual chili cook-off March 10th at the Elks, beginning at 5:30pm **Please join us all and witness PVFD's sweeping victory this year.** This open to the public event will have 5 categories, Regular chili, Spicy Chili, Wild Game Chili, Veggie Chili, and open category (Anything not listed above.)
- ❖ Residents may still obtain up to 10 buckets of traction sand from Public Works free of charge. Anyone wanting sand through this program should stop by the Public Works office to check in before loading any sand.
- ❖ Finalizing specifications for the two new Police Dept vehicles that are due to be delivered this spring.
- ❖ Commercial deliveries to the baler have been trending up for the last year, with demolition and remodeling debris accounting for much of the increase. This has been a nice boost to the department's revenue, although we expect it to be temporary.
- ❖ The maintenance crew is occupied with snow removal and heating system work, and attending to other routine work orders as time permits.
- ❖ All department heads working on FY24 budget prep.
- ❖ FF 1 Training continues Saturdays with Ryan. There are 4 participants, and the class will conclude at the end of March.
- ❖ Ryan contacted the Manufacturer for the new fire truck last week and they told us production on the cab has been delayed by 2 weeks. This puts delivery estimates around mid-May.
- ❖ Our ETT Class has concluded. Thank you to our six new ETT's for dedicating the time for the class.

- ❖ The State sent us a letter that claimed our State Ambulance certification was due to expire in 9 days even though a new certificate had already been received, our medical director, Dr. Mark Tuccillo and Josh were able to clear up the discrepancy, which turned out to be the State's mistake.
- ❖ The Emergency Shelter equipment that the Borough bought during COVID has now been stored in the Communications Trailer Bay on shelves installed by building maintenance, Thank you to Jim and Sam.
- ❖ We recently had issues with the airbrakes on the Water Tender stored at Scow Bay. Thank you to Martin for helping me set up the washdown truck as a standby unit until this was repaired.
- ❖ PVFD would like to ask the public to help assist us with keeping the hydrants clear of snow. A shoveled hydrant is a happy hydrant, and happy hydrants help us help you faster. If you notice a Hydrant has been snowed in around your house, please clear a path to and around it.
- ❖ PMPL Staff recently took delivery of the new Argo tracked vehicle that allows them to visit the Cabin Creek reservoir in the wintertime. The new unit works well, and they were able to get their work done in a fraction of the time in comparison to the older unit. Thanks to the motor pool for helping procure the replacement.
- ❖ PND Engineers have completed an alternatives assessment for the Pump Station 4 project. Staff is currently reviewing the information and we will have a meeting with PND next week to discuss the final direction for the project insofar as location of the new pumpstation wet well, method of installation for the force main and gravity sewer, and installation/extent of electrical work.
- ❖ The Blind Slough Hydro project is moving along. McG/Dawson has posted many submittals in preparation for beginning the work in May. McMillen (project engineers) are reviewing submittals and getting input back to the contractor as needed. Valves that were ordered by the Borough are progressing toward shipping dates. A spare pump has arrived for the hatchery's use during the project, and we are still waiting for a control cabinet that will replace the older pump controls ahead of the hydro project start. The only major issue we are struggling with is the FERC approval of our license amendment and construction plan approval. I have recently been in communication with FERC's DC office to inquire about the license amendment and to date have not received a solid answer on when they will complete their review and approval. Our DC lobbyist is involved at this point and more pressure will be applied so that we don't experience delays and associated monetary claims from our contractor.
- ❖ Assembly member Lynn and I attended the Alaska Municipal League Legislative Conference. We met with Senator Stedman, Representative Himschoot and members of the SouthCoast ADOT team. Sounds like it will be a long legislative session with the primary issue the size of the Dividend vs. School Funding.
- ❖ The Borough shut down some operations early on Wednesday, March 1 due to hazardous road conditions. Hopefully this was the last major snowstorm of the winter.
- ❖ Borough staff will be communicating with our largest union, PMEAs, to start the process of negotiating a new contract.