



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 19 July 2021**

- ❖ Local churches have restarted their rotation for “Wednesday Devotions” and communion is every Thursday for residents of the Manor.
- ❖ Pilings are in place for the new deck, beams are going in and then decking will be put on. The residents are excited and are enjoying watching the process take place. The workers have many supervisors.
- ❖ AHFC desk review is complete, and all found to be excellent. No issues at all. Preparing for our State inspection on July 19th.
- ❖ PMC Doctors continue to see residents for routine appointments at Assisted Living. Mindy and Shelyn continue to meet with Dr. Hyer as Physician Liaison between the facilities monthly. Going very well.
- ❖ The streets crew has been making some much-needed storm drainage improvements at the south Parks-N-Rec entrance next to the high school. This is a significant project that needed to get done while school was out and foot traffic in the area was at a minimum.
- ❖ Work is progressing on the Motor Pool Shop repairs. The new roof and siding have been installed and the building is being insulated at present. The project is currently on schedule to meet the September 30th substantial completion date.
- ❖ The sanitation dept’s two new 14-yard roll off containers have arrived and are in service. These will help address the need for larger dumpsters to service bigger construction and cleanup projects.
- ❖ Sam working with the museum to address some longstanding maintenance needs at that building and attending to regular work orders as time permits.
- ❖ Congratulations to Ray who passed the ICC Residential Building Inspector exam.
- ❖ The Petersburg Visitor Industry Management Plan was recognized with the 2020 Alaska Planning Award for “Best Community Plan.” Congratulations to the Visitor Industry Working Group for their great work.
- ❖ DNR issued a Final Finding and Decision recommending conveyance of 616 acres of state land at Thomas Bay. This is consistent with the preliminary decision reviewed by the Assembly on May 3rd. The decision has a 20-day appeal period. Barring any appeals, the decision goes into effect on August 6th. Since the Thomas Bay property is already surveyed, the next step is for the state to request a title report and draft a patent deed for borough review and approval. Once approved, the state will issue a patent deed. No idea how long this will take.

- ❖ Alaska Rural Water has completed the Sanitary Survey report and staff is reviewing the recommendations.
- ❖ Rock N Road achieved substantial completion on the Scow Bay Pump Station project on July 7th. Various punch list items remain to be completed, but the pumpstation is working very well and the site is looking good.
- ❖ Staff worked with PW on a sewer issue on Gjoa Street. Further repairs will likely be needed for a main that is unsupported and floating in muskeg and has settled in various areas due to driveway installations.
- ❖ SEAPA's submarine cable project achieved a major milestone on the 4th of July. The failed cable was recovered, and the new cable was laid during the holiday weekend. There is a need for temporary outages on July 21 and 22nd (6 hours each day) to perform final terminations at the shore landing sites and then one more in August for final commissioning of the new cable. The diesel plant and Blind Slough will be used to power the community while SEAPA power is unavailable to Petersburg.
- ❖ Sam Caulum has completed is training, testing and required apprentice hours and is now a journeyman Lineman. Congratulations to Sam for all of his hard work to achieve his journeyman's card!
- ❖ The mechanic has been organizing work at Crystal Lake to work on the lake level transducer, move logs and debris away from the dam and air lift a new reel of armored fiber cable to the top of the penstock later this week.
- ❖ Petersburg PD received all the equipment for the new E911 system. Currently waiting on an installation date.
- ❖ USCG LT J.J. Cestero, who is the new Sector Juneau Enforcement (Law Enforcement activity) met with Petersburg Command Staff. Talked about joint training and their ability to assist Petersburg PD.
- ❖ Last week the Harbor had a series of incidents that included a large vessel try to sink at the float and then a large pleasure vessel roll on the SH grid. Harbor crew worked overtime and was able to save both vessels.
- ❖ Harbor stalls are full and there is a waiting list for permanent stalls.
- ❖ Sandy is working on cleanup of EOC related work and continuing her support of the pandemic response as the Borough's Emergency Manager.
- ❖ We have formed an adhoc committee to start looking at specifications for new Fire Engine.
- ❖ Thanks to the Volunteers who participated in 4th of July activities and assisted with the Community Fireworks Show.
- ❖ Summer STREAM and Bookworms, the library's two summer reading programs for kids, ended July 12. Participants logged over 1,300 hours of reading and completed 900 learning challenges. Thank to you to First Bank and the many other local businesses and individuals who make this program possible.
- ❖ The library's Helmi Jensen Community Room will open up for public reservations later this month.
- ❖ The Friends of Petersburg Libraries had a successful book sale on July 3. Proceeds from book sales support programs at both the public and school libraries.