



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

- ❖ Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Distance Based Indoor Spring Triathlon on Saturday, February 11th. Teams and individuals encouraged to join. Contact Parks and Recreation for more information. Registration in person or online.
- ❖ Water Polo and Water Volleyball will be added to the Aquatic Center schedule! Check it out if you are interested in jumping in! Schedule can be found on Parks and Rec website and Facebook page.
- ❖ Stephanie Payne submitted a Concept Paper to the Department of Energy for assistance with energy efficiency upgrades to the Community Center.
- ❖ If you are interested in coaching and/or assisting with a Youth Soccer program, please contact Julie Anderson at Parks and Recreation.
- ❖ Enrollments into our online Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT) Program are now closed, Students have until Feb 28th to finish. We have about 8 folks enrolled.
- ❖ Ryan's FF introduction course was pushed back to allow more time for students to enroll, the course starts Feb 11th and will run Saturdays 8am-5pm until March 25th
- ❖ The presenter for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs was ill when she was scheduled to come to town. We have arranged for her to present to the public on Sunday, Feb 26th at 4pm. The presentation will be shown at the assembly chambers and the public is also invited to join by zoom if they prefer. After the presentation, Michelle Torres will answer questions with input from The PVFD Director and Fire Chief Jim Stolpe. This group would be organized and trained to assist First Responders and other government entities in larger scale emergencies. Examples include Large Fires, Large scale search and Rescue ops, disaster response and other large threats to the community.
- ❖ DNR issued two decisions regarding the borough's land selections last week. Draft comments for both decisions will be submitted to the Clerk for Assembly review and approval at the next meeting:
 - A modified final decision to convey 550.378 acres at Thomas Bay. This decision corrects the error on conveyance of the subdivision roads. Previously, the DNR insisted the road acreage would be conveyed, but the reality is the roads were dedicated to the public when the subdivision was approved and cannot be conveyed by the state. The modified decision corrects this by reinstating the road acreage (65 acres) to the borough and the state retaining ownership of the roads. The borough will have management authority of the roads but is under no obligation to build or maintain any roads within the subdivision. There is a 30-day public comment period followed by a

20-day appeal period on this decision. If no appeal is filed, the decision goes into effect and DNR can reissue the draft patent that they have been working on since early November.

- A preliminary decision on 3,283 acres in various locations, including Fanshaw, Prowly Pt., Hood Point, SE Mitkof, and Sumer Strait was issued by DNR. The 30-day public comment period is now open. As part of the decision, the DNR is proposing to retain 513 acres at Prowly Pt.. This selection is adjacent to the existing right-of-way for the proposed Kake Access Road. Decision is attached.
- ❖ The Elderly Housing kitchen plumbing project has been completed. We will be looking to update the kitchen in the near future, once we are able to coordinate supplies, contractors and with Food Service.
- ❖ Derrick met with OSHA to discuss their inspection of Assisted Living, and the State's internal audit of the facility.
- ❖ SH Dredge is progressing. Hard digging continues to have the contractor looking to the USACE to provide direction per the contract. USACE reps came to town to evaluate project 1/17-19 and take samples and check progress. Western has roughly 16,200 cubic yards dumped (as of this morning). Staff continues to urge boat owners to communicate with the Harbor Office if there are questions.
- ❖ The project manager and supervisor from the USACE also came to town last week to look at Scow Bay as they work towards Federal budget development and the possibility of sharing the costs of a feasibility study for a basin/breakwater in that location! The feedback was positive.
- ❖ USCG dockside exams are being offered through Tuesday February 7th, sign ups at the Harbor Office.
- ❖ Harbor is working on tour ship schedule; it's looking about the same as last year.
- ❖ The Harbor Board meeting scheduled for Thursday 2/9 at noon in Assembly Chambers.
- ❖ PD is finalizing the upfit of the new police vehicles.
- ❖ Petersburg Police Department is working with Alaska Game & Fish, and Alaska State Wildlife Troopers on the increased wolf sightings and developing a plan.
- ❖ The Chief attended the Petersburg School Districts ALICE/Evacuation Emergency Drill.
- ❖ PD submitted a Federal Grant (\$51,000) to upgrade the Petersburg School Districts radio system so they can contact the police directly in the event of an emergency. This will also upgrade the district's ability to talk amongst each other.
- ❖ The library will be closed Monday Feb 6 – Thursday Feb 9 for inventory and staff training.
- ❖ The Public Works sander went belly up. Parts have been ordered and Motor pool will start working on it when they arrive.
- ❖ Jody and I met with Phil and Joel Pipkin (Hospital Controller) to discuss the next steps for Assisted Living. Jody provided updated financial and budget information.