



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 05 February 2024**

- ❖ The library has received a \$3,000 grant from First Bank for the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge. First Bank has been a longtime and very generous supporter of library reading programs for many years.
- ❖ Former Petersburg resident John McCabe has donated \$20,000 to the library's Art Education Endowment, a fund he created in 2012. To date he has donated \$151,540 to the endowment. The interest earned supports arts programming at the library.
- ❖ It is still winter, so the recent break in weather presents a good opportunity for folks to insulate and protect water lines and water meters before the next freeze.
- ❖ Pump Station 4 control design is commencing with RMC Engineers in Juneau.
- ❖ We've had another spear valve control failure at Blind Slough - associated with an outage on the line. Gilkes is sending an engineer to replace the failed component and reconfigure the power supply to the hydraulic power unit panel to remedy the situation. This work is a warranty item.
- ❖ The DOE hydro efficiency grant administrator requested verification and/or additions of information associated with our grant application. They have stated that they will be contacting applicants by the end of March regarding the grant allocations.
- ❖ David Mazzella recently completed his union sanctioned "hot school" in Fairbanks. David is doing great and is putting his schooling to good use on our line crew.
- ❖ August Jewell, Apprentice Lineman from Cordova, will start with PMPL on February 5th. Augie brings 5000 hours of apprentice time with him and has passed his union sanctioned "hot school" recently. We look forward to his arrival.
- ❖ Steve Harbour an electrician that previously worked in Petersburg, has accepted an offer to be our next Electrician/Operator and will report to work in March.
- ❖ Axon was at the PD installing cameras in the police cars January 30-31st.
- ❖ Two dispatchers are currently in training with one other waiting to start training. This brings the PD up to full staffing in dispatch and police.
- ❖ Rock-N-Road has started work on modifications to the Borough's mud dump access road and rock quarry. This is work that was approved by the Borough Assembly which will allow Rock-N-Road to use up to 60K cubic yards of rock from the Borough's quarry for the new hospital site, in exchange for quarry

development that will save the Borough approximately \$100,000 in development costs. Access to the Borough's mud dump and the airport quarry will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

- ❖ Power & Light's new bucket truck (#20) has been ordered and is expected to arrive prior to the end of the FY24 budget year.
- ❖ Aaron and Chris are working with Denali Commission and ADEC to facilitate the upcoming Baler Operations Class that will be held in Petersburg the week of April 8-12. Personnel from Petersburg and several other Southeast Alaska communities are expected to attend.
- ❖ Still looking at the potential for reopening the Borough's landfill to Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste. We intend to include some costs for this in the Sanitation Dept's FY25 budget request.
- ❖ Chris will be in Juneau the week of Feb 5-9 attending Southeast Conference and the associated Transportation Symposium. Karen will be the only staff member in the office during that time, so there will likely be some periodic closures of the Public Works office to enable her to do the mail run or other errands as needed.
- ❖ SH Dredge IS COMPLETE! As a reminder planning for it started in 2016, followed by a very involved permitting process which led right into a challenging dredge project. In-water work was finished on January 24th with the survey completed that evening. Staff appreciates the efforts and quality of work provided by Western Construction and the aid from all the boat owners in accomplishing this multi-year project.
- ❖ USCG dockside exams are being offered February 7-10TH - sign ups at the Harbor Office.
- ❖ Derrick is still working with Alaska Housing on outstanding items from the annual inspection. He had a scheduled zoom meeting on Thursday with them to discuss.
- ❖ Assisted Living had a resident hit one of our staff members while Derrick was on vacation. Derrick is following up with the resident and their family.
- ❖ We had telephone issues with the phone system at the Manor. Unsure of the cause at this point.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is continuing their investigation into the Aquatic Center Sewer issues.
- ❖ US Masters Swim (Petersburg Whitecaps) is going strong with clinics and triathlon/open water swimming workouts. Check with Scott Burt for details on how to join!
- ❖ AMSEA (Alaska Marine Safety Education Association) is partnering with Parks and Recreation to host another Fishing Vessel Drill Conductor Course on Saturday, February 10th at the Community Center. Contact AMSEA in Sitka at 907-747-3287 or register on their website.