



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 18 September 2023**

- ❖ On Sunday the 10th, The new Fire Engine arrived. It is currently up at the station where paid staff are equipping it with tools and equipment, training with the volunteers will continue through the month of September. There will be an announced 'Push-in Ceremony' when E2 is placed in service where the public will be welcome.
- ❖ The CERT Class scheduled for last week unfortunately had to be postponed. There is an option for folks to take a 12hr online course to get through most of the book work, the course is self-paced and free of charge. Please contact the station for details.
- ❖ EMS has a slew of upcoming classes for fall and winter. First is an online ETT course that is ran in conjunction with SEREMS. This class will be perpetually open for enrollment and is again self-paced, however this course is only free to volunteers in the department, members of the public who wish only to take the course but not volunteer with the Department will be charged a \$300 course fee.
- ❖ There will be an EMT-2 bridge course scheduled 12/10 to 12/16. This is bridge from those with an active EMT-1 certification.
- ❖ There will be EMT-1 bridge from those with an active ETT or Wilderness First Responder certificate scheduled for after the first of the year, estimated start date of Jan 7th.
- ❖ Anderson Electric will be here Oct.18th to start repairing the fire station's light controller.
- ❖ October 8th – 14th is Learn Not To Burn Week and the group will be presenting to the Elementary School. This is also a good time for the public to check their Carbon Monoxide and Smoke detectors and ensure they are in working order.
- ❖ The Community Center has reopened its gymnasium portion of the facility, but with limited use. The gym (limited hours around school use) and weight room (full day access) will be open and available for use. Due to the lack of commercial carpet options, carpet will be installed closer to October. Please contact Parks and Recreation for more information about room usage and what is available.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation is partnering with Petersburg Medical Center to host Bingocize!! This is an evidence-based program designed to incorporate exercise and movement into a fun game to help prevent falls and injury. It is free and everyone is welcome to join by contacting Becky Turland at PMC: 907-772-5580 or bturland@pmc-health.org. Gym membership is NOT required, sessions begin September 25th.
- ❖ The time is coming for Parks and Recreation to close the park restrooms and remove large trash cans from the ballfield. This will occur on Friday, September 29th. Other trash receptacles will be available at the ballfield – please be diligent about properly placing your trash in the cans.

- ❖ Public Works finished replacing 2,000 feet of wastewater force main that connects the baling facility to the municipal sewer system. Backfill of the trench is underway.
- ❖ The Borough's new vactor truck arrived and is being readied for service. Once the new truck is fully activated, the old vactor will be auctioned off this fall along with other surplus Borough vehicles and equipment.
- ❖ Chris and Aaron will be at Southeast Conference September 19-21 to attend the annual meeting of the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA).
- ❖ The Maintenance Dept is helping Assisted Living address some maintenance needs identified during a recent AHFC inspection of the premises.
- ❖ The EPA has mandated a lead service line inventory in all public water systems to identify any lead or lead based materials used for distributing water in our system. The department recently got notice from ADEC that we have been included as one of the public utility beneficiaries of a federal grant program in which the State will be assisting/completing a process to identify materials used in our community for our water system.
- ❖ The Borough's DC Lobbyist recently asked the federal delegation for letters of support for the DOE Section 243 grant award.
- ❖ The Blind Slough contractor has all concrete pours completed in the building. Electrical equipment has been moved in and the contractor is working on shoring up the hillside to enable pouring the penstock thrust blocks and installation of the new penstock. Gilkes Hydro will be in Petersburg on September 20th to guide the installation of the turbine, generator, bearing lube oil system and turbine inlet valve.
- ❖ Our mechanic, with assistance from our meter reader and/or groundman, has been working to brush out the penstock and replace corroded bolts on the penstock couplings. The upper portion of the pipeline from the dam to the breakover is complete and we are looking for good weather to continue this work before the contractor is ready to fill the pipe with water again at the end of October.
- ❖ Wrangell Municipal Light and Power took delivery of 6 transformers that were the wrong configuration for their system earlier in the year. PMPL was happy to pick up these units for Wrangell's cost which are perfect for our system. With lead times for transformers being up to 50 weeks, it was nice to have access to these units and receive them in short order.
- ❖ Last of the tour ship activity this week. Was a busy season. Still seeing transient vessels heading south, stopping in for weather etc.
- ❖ Western Marine should be arriving on scene in the next couple of weeks to start the dredging the first week of October. Staff continues to request SH boat owners contact the Harbor Office with travel plans and leave boat watcher contact information for Harbor Crew to reach out as needed.
- ❖ The kitchen at Assisted Living is completed and back in use.
- ❖ Derrick is working with several Assisted Living residents who are needing additional care. Some consultation with Long Term Care as well.