



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 04 April 2022**

- ❖ The South Harbor Dredge project opened for bid on March 18th with the award date of June 13th. The USACE received full Federal funding for all the base items in the bid packet and we are excited as this is only the 2nd Civil Works project the AK District has had go to construction in the past 5 years!
- ❖ Thank you to First Bank for their recent donation of \$3,000 to the library's 2022 Summer Reading Program.
- ❖ The Helmi Jensen Community Room Dedication will be held Wednesday April 6, 4-5pm. Everyone is welcome at this very special occasion.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be hosting a Work Session on Thursday, April 7th at 6p in the Activity Room at Community Center. They will be discussing Sandy Beach and future park ideas and projects. Meeting is in-person, please plan to join!
- ❖ New Parent/Tot and Open Swim times have been added to Parks and Rec Aquatic Schedule, viewable on Facebook and website, or call the front desk with any questions.
- ❖ Rotary will be hosting a Sandy Beach Clean-up on Saturday, April 9th at 11:00a, followed by a Petersburg Arts Council Moving Music Concert Series Event in Shelter #2 at 1:00p...Go jump into some fun!
- ❖ Had an outside instructor come to Petersburg for EMT-2 and EMT-3 recertification course and transition course to the State's new scope of practice. Two EMT-3s and six EMT-2s completed the recertification process.
- ❖ PCS informed us the entire contents of the ComDev folder on the Viking server was lost. They are working with an outside vendor to see if the data can be recovered from the damaged equipment.
- ❖ Several Department Heads and I, met with Chere Klein from Sen. Murkowski's office. She was happy to hear the borough would be represented at the Federal Grant Symposium in Anchorage.
- ❖ Liz and I met with Chad Wright from PIA to discuss housing issues and potential partnerships.
- ❖ The Manor is open for visitors. Please don't visit if you are not feeling well. Please call Shelyn with any questions.
- ❖ Spring cleanup of streets and ROW areas is underway, and it is a bigger than usual job this season due to the heavy snowfall. Excess traction sand, fallen trees and damaged guardrails are a few of the issues we are working to mitigate.
- ❖ We are prepping our Public Works yard for replacement of the large drainage culvert that failed in Dec 2020. Due to the large scale of the required excavation, we are having to relocate some supplies and equipment to maintain department functions during the construction period.

- ❖ Shortages of new vehicles, parts and supplies continue to plague the auto industry. We are seeing this in the form of increased prices and longer lead times for most things that are Motor Pool related.
- ❖ The transition to every-other-week recycling pickup will start on April 11th. The last week of regular residential curbside recycling pickups will be April 4-8th. Details have been sent out via PSAs and ads in the Petersburg Pilot. Anyone with questions should call Public Works at 772-4430 for additional information.
- ❖ Water department is shifting gears on a project to eliminate a perceived cross connection issue at the water storage tank. To install the piping and valve would require the line flowing to the tank be disabled for an extended period. This risk caused the department to rethink the method of satisfying the regulators on this issue and a different plan that will involve a much shorter time frame. We are working through development of updated plans for this operation after consultation with ADEC.
- ❖ Wastewater Staff will be working with Rock N Road to wrap up the Ira II Sewer Main project by performing an in-pipe inspection to verify that no ground water leaks exist in the new main. Rock N Road plans to complete the punch listed items soon to close out the work.
- ❖ Thanks to PW for assisting the WW crew in cutting and chipping damaged trees from Greens Camp Recreation area. The cooperative effort to clean up Green's Camp and provide chips for the composting cause is appreciated!
- ❖ PMPL's lineman apprentice has reported for his first, two-month session of line school. We wish him the best and know that he will represent PMPL and the Borough well.
- ❖ PMPL recently accepted proposals for replacement of the Superior Building Roof. Only one proposal was received, and it exceeded the budget by a wide margin. We were forced to reject the proposal and now plan to break the work into smaller pieces.
- ❖ NC Machinery will be mobilizing to Petersburg to commence the Caterpillar 399 overhaul on April 18th.
- ❖ EPC will mobilize to Petersburg during the week of April 18th as well, to complete testing and maintenance of generator breakers at the downtown power plant and at Scow Bay.
- ❖ The line crew is working on a replacement to service to a group of three customers in Scow Bay that had their underground electrical services fail over the winter. The crew was able to install a temporary line for service and is now installing an overhead service to provide the permanent solution.
- ❖ SEAPA recently consulted with PMPL on a damaged guy pole in Scow Bay. PMPL will complete the work and invoice SEAPA for the materials, time and equipment needed for the repair.
- ❖ As of March 29th the Borough has received 10 property assessment appeals. If all of the appeals are not resolved then the Board of Equalization (Assembly) will meet on April 14th at 5pm to make a decision on the remaining appeals.
- ❖ The FY2023 proposed budget is coming together, waiting on a couple departments for the remaining pieces and the Borough manager is reviewing department budgets as they come in.