

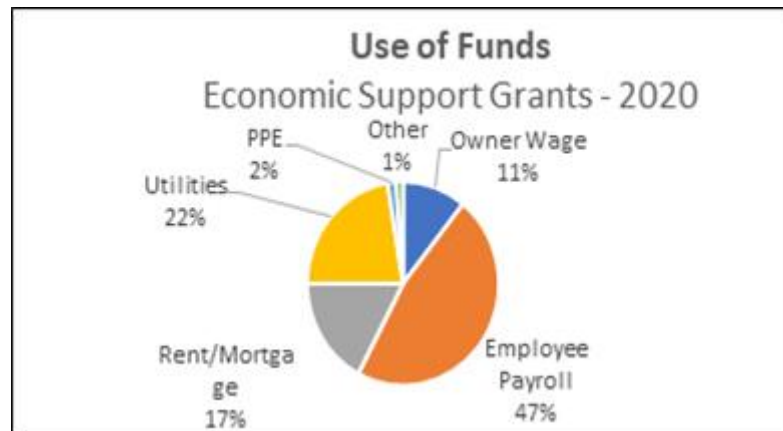


**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 17 May 2021**

- ❖ Petersburg area 911 will soon have Text 911 available. We have received training materials and are working towards the testing of the system. Petersburg PD will put out announcements once it is available.
- ❖ Both Police Officer new hires have passed all steps in the hiring process. One Officer is set to arrive in Petersburg, June 18th and the other is working on housing.
- ❖ A HUGE thank you to The Petersburg Community Foundation as they awarded the Manor a \$3000 grant to go toward the deck project! Cummins Custom Woodworking waiting on the State Fire Marshall approval of the deck plans so we can move forward with construction.
- ❖ Water Staff continuing to clean the exterior of the water storage tank as time allows. They also are in the process of completing spring maintenance on air relief valves on the Cabin Creek pipeline.
- ❖ The Ira II Sewer Project is out for bids. A pre-bid meeting was on May 12th and bids are due by May 28th.
- ❖ Rock N Road is continuing for the Scow Bay Pump Station project. The wet well and valve vault are in place and plumbing continues. Excavation for the southside gravity sewer and new manhole should begin soon. Justin Haley, WW Operations Supervisor, is acting as our inspector on the job.
- ❖ Thanks to many departments for setting up the public restroom trailers. WW crew is set up the sewer connections. PMPL and Mattingly Electric set up the electrical service at the site and PMPL moved in the eco-blocks for site protection. Thanks to Building Maintenance for mounting various fixtures in the trailers and to Parks and Rec for handling the initial cleaning duties. The police department will be closing the restrooms at 8pm and they will be opened in the morning at 8am. A team effort on this one! Thanks all!
- ❖ The annual SEAPA shutdown is scheduled for the first 10 days of June.
- ❖ The Electrician and Powerplant Mechanic have been working on restoring the 1929 400kW hydro unit to operational status. Keeping this unit in operation has become harder over the years but it does help us maintain our current overall facility rating of 2MW with FERC.
- ❖ The line crew recently assisted the Chamber of Commerce with hanging of the festival banners and will be arranging for power for a couple of the festival venues. They also recently finished the service to the new duplex on 8th and Ira II Streets, and removed several large trees from under the power lines on 8th Street. Busy month!
- ❖ The Public Works crew coordinated with Parks-N-Rec and the Chamber to assist with putting up the Little Norway Festival tent and to provide traffic control signs and barriers as needed.
- ❖ Motor Pool is working with the Wastewater Dept to assemble a septic pumping truck. We are re-using the old water truck chassis and other materials on-hand. The current septic pumping provider (based in

Wrangell) has indicated he is retiring and will no longer be providing this service for most customers on Mitkof Island, and no other private enterprise has been found to take over these duties.

- ❖ The Sanitation crew has been working on removing a backlog of non-burnable waste oil from the storage tanks and various drums stored at the baling facility. This has been a significant effort and we appreciate the help we have received from other departments, including the Harbor Dept and Streets crew.
- ❖ Sam coordinated with Fleet Refrigeration for the installation of an additional heat pump unit at the museum.
- ❖ Framing crew is here and starting work on the next phase of Valhalla Place apartment building.
- ❖ HB 80, to reinstate the sportfish license surcharge to help pay for salmon enhancement facilities like Crystal Lake Hatchery, has passed the House and is being considered by the Senate.
- ❖ With most grant reports submitted, below is a breakdown of how local businesses used their borough CARES Act economic support grants:



- ❖ Finance Director Tow and Police Sargent Holmgrain are currently going through a SECAD/JAG Grant Audit with the Alaska Department of Public Safety.
- ❖ The Alaska Remote Sellers Commission has given each member a list of remote sales tax code changes that need to be made. Each community in the commission will need to adopt these changes. Director Tow will have those changes into a draft ordinance at the next Assembly meeting. Clinton Singletary, Statewide Municipal Sales Tax Director for the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission will be virtually at the meeting on June 7th to go over the changes and help answer any questions.
- ❖ Finance Director Tow, Director Hagerman, Clerk Thompson, and Manager Giesbrecht have started union negotiations with IBEW. We also had mediation on May 14th with PMEA.
- ❖ Parks and Rec hosted an AMSEA Instructor course for their water/pool portion. They will look for more opportunities to offer AMSEA courses.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on May 20th at 4:00 pm. For details, please see our Facebook page or call for details.

- ❖ Harbor Staff has spent the last week assisting the USACE on SH dredge sampling as required by EPA to use authorized in water disposal of dredge spoils. 150 gals of samples have been taken and sent via air cargo to their lab in Vicksburg, MS. A nine-month study will begin using dredge samples and living organisms to see survival rates. At this point the dredge project has been pushed to fall/winter of 2022.
- ❖ Tour ship schedule has stabilized, and we are set for our first arrival on June 2nd.