



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 6 December 2021**

- ❖ As is customary, Public Works is offering a limited amount of traction sand for Borough residents to use on their walks and driveways. Up to 10 buckets of sand per residence may be obtained at no cost from Public Works during regular business hours 8:00-4:30 M-F. Anyone wanting to obtain sand through this program should bring their own shovel and buckets and check in with the front desk before loading any sand.
- ❖ We continue to work with FEMA to facilitate repairs to the failed drainage culvert at the Public Works yard. Design of the project is largely complete, and we plan on bidding the project out this winter, to begin construction in May of next year as per the requirements of the ADF&G permit.
- ❖ The repair work on the motor pool shop is nearing substantial completion. We anticipate performing a “pre-final” inspection this week and generating a punch list for any remaining construction items.
- ❖ Youth Basketball was canceled due to amount of time needed to finish season. We would have extended too far into busy holiday times. Please contact Parks and Rec regarding a refund if you have not done so.
- ❖ Parks and Rec is busy planning their holiday “Winter Wonderland” event on Dec. 18th, 4-6p. Please contact Julie Anderson if you would like to volunteer.
- ❖ Parks and Rec will be hosting another Lifeguard Certification course Jan 7th – 9th. Please contact Scott Burt for more information and to get registered as soon as possible.
- ❖ During the recent PMEA negotiations, the Borough heard employees were uneasy about having to fill out and sign a timesheet prior to the end of a pay period. To solve this issue, the Borough is in the process of changing pay period dates beginning with the first pay period in January. All paydays will remain the same: on or before the 5th and 20th of each month.
- ❖ Jody has applied for the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for the Local Government Lost Revenue Relief Program. A Resolution of support will be presented to the Assembly at the December 20th meeting. This funding opportunity is available to Alaska local governments and has a deadline for the resolution to be approved by December 31, 2021.
- ❖ Passport services at the library are scheduled to resume Tuesday Dec 7
- ❖ The library is hosting a retrospective exhibit of the ceramic works of Polly Lee. The exhibit can be seen on the library's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oEB82ua4Lk>
- ❖ The library has received two American Rescue Plan grants from the Alaska State Library, an Easy Grant (\$6000) for janitorial service/collections and a Project Grant (\$39,661) to partner with KFSK and the Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee to produce radio podcasts. The program is scheduled to launch early in 2022.

- ❖ Rock N Road finished up the Ira II Street Sewer project by the project deadline. A final inspection of all work has been difficult to arrange due to snowy weather, but a warm rainy window of opportunity this week may be our last chance before spring.
- ❖ Alaska Municipal League is helping to organize a group of its members impacted by the 301H Clean Water Act waiver and wastewater discharge permitting issues. Petersburg will participate in that effort and keep the Assembly informed on progress.
- ❖ PMPL was informed that ADOT is not going to move forward with installation of any streetlights on Papke's Landing Road. Budgetary issues are the sticking point.
- ❖ Karl will be working with McMillen Jacobs to amend their professional services contract to include the next phases of engineering/permitting/equipment manufacture oversight for the Blind Slough Hydro project.
- ❖ All bonds and insurance have been received from Gilkes Hydro to move forward with equipment manufacture for the Blind Slough project. A kickoff meeting will occur early in December to get things started.
- ❖ Kudos to Public Works and the PMPL line crew on their work to find, place and decorate the community Christmas Tree. Thanks again to Matt Bryner for his work on the lights, both at the library and our tree.
- ❖ Due to staffing issues out of our control, Sue Flanary has extended her career by one more month. Her final day will now be December 31. We thank her for being flexible and for supporting her department past her planned retirement date.
- ❖ The battery backup for the 911 system was identified as old and needed to be replaced during the installation of the new 911 system. We believe the battery backup failed last week during the monthly generator test at the firehall. Two new battery backups have been ordered and are in transit to Petersburg. The battery backups were paid for out of the E911 fund.
- ❖ Barb Beasley completed Crime Scene Technology & Evidence Collection training through SIRCHIE. This training will assist the Police Department with crime scene processing, documentation, and prosecution.
- ❖ Petersburg PD's policy and procedures are being updated and reviewed. This also includes the Petersburg Jail policy and procedures.
- ❖ Thank you to harbor users for paying attention to their vessels especially during stormy & rainy weather. Please continue to let the Harbor Office know if you plan on being out of town and provide us with your boat watching contact info.
- ❖ Harbor staff has been meeting with USACE concerning the status of the dredge sampling, the results have been turned over to EPA for their 45-day comment period. Scheduling for bidding out the project is on schedule. With a bid opening in April, bid award in June with project start date of Oct. 1, 2022.
- ❖ Large crane report: upgrade/rebuild is finished! Unit is getting prepped to ship back for install. Hopefully good for another 34 years!