



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 December 2024**

- ❖ Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with Police Department, Fire/EMS/SAR, Library, and P&R Advisory Board (and of course, Santa!) hosted the 2024 Jingle & Mingle event with the help of so many volunteers and donations, including Public Works and Harbor Dept.
- ❖ Indoor Winter Sprint Triathlon scheduled for January 4th, chat with Scott Burt at Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ Dive In Movie "The Polar Express" will be showing on Thursday, Dec. 19th.
- ❖ Skate nights on Fridays, and Afternoon Game Time on Tues & Thurs (with Fridays coming soon). Come check out all the new programming at Parks and Rec.
- ❖ With authorization from the Borough Manager, the crew assisted the Rod & Gun Club with installation of the Petersburg Shooting Range sign adjacent to the Mitkof Highway ROW.
- ❖ In conjunction with development of the FY26 budget, Assistant Director Marohl has started on a review process to examine the roles of the various vehicles in the Borough's fleet, with a focus on vehicles that serve General Fund departments.
- ❖ Director Cotta, as Chair of the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA), helped draft an RFP for regional solid waste management services. In addition to a couple of SEASWA board members, the working group that put together this RFP included representatives from Southeast Conference; City and Borough of Juneau; City and Borough of Sitka; and Tlingit & Haida Central Council. The intent of the large-scale planning project outlined in the RFP is to develop an overall strategy for solid waste in Southeast Alaska and to include as many communities and other major stakeholders as possible. Funding for this project is being provided by a \$500,000 grant from the Denali Commission.
- ❖ Wastewater Supervisor Haley worked with the Harbor Dept and a local dive service to locate the wastewater plant outfall line on Sandy Beach using an underwater ROV. The cost was less than \$1,000 which was a substantial savings over the initial \$10,000 estimate.
- ❖ We have not yet received our new EPA wastewater discharge permit. Based on what we are hearing, it appears that Petersburg will have to move forward with a capital project to add disinfection to our wastewater treatment process. The disinfection project is estimated to cost in excess of \$10M and the required implementation timeline is 5 years.

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- ❖ Glo was invited to present at the Legislative Seafood Industry Joint Task Force representing coastal municipalities. She spoke to Legislative support of full funding of the Municipal Harbor Match Grant program as well as asking for support to inflation proof the \$5 million dollar cap by increasing the cap to \$7.5 million. She also re-introduced an effort to consider changing the 50/50 split of both Fisheries Business Tax and the Fisheries Resource Landing Tax (Raw Fish Taxes) to a 25/75 split with the majority of the 3% going back to the municipality in which the landings took place.
- ❖ PMPL is finishing up on the annual FERC end of year reporting.
- ❖ PMPL and Community Development staff are starting work with a contractor who will help guide the Borough through a conversion from our older autoCAD utility maps to a Geographical Information System (GIS) database. This will update all of our mapping and provide a basis for future integrations with utility billing and other Borough functions.
- ❖ The Meter Reader is training our Groundman to be a backup for reading meters to ensure staffing redundancy for this monthly task.
- ❖ Line crew and Operators did a fantastic job in responding to the broken pole at 9 mile on December 1st. Thanks also to the police department, GCI and AP&T for their assistance during the work.
- ❖ The library's heating system, exterior lighting, and heated sidewalks stopped working on Saturday. Keith has been working with Darby & Brian to bypass our Siemens controller and the building is currently warm. He will work with Siemens to bring the building back online this week.
- ❖ Congratulations to Jim Holder who passed his ICC certification exam for Residential Building Inspector. Jim will be working toward completing the next two examinations after the holidays. The next exams are for the Residential Plans examiner, and Mechanical/Plumbing inspector.
- ❖ Just got the state audit paperwork yesterday for Assisted Living so we can finish the very last of the Medicaid audit.
- ❖ We have a couple of people coming down in Feb. to go over the Osha training for staff at Assisted Living.
- ❖ I have been working with staff and some Assembly members on the proposed Skylark development. Next steps are the preparation of the draft sales contract, the ordinance, and a review with the developers. I am expecting the first reading of the ordinance for the Assembly will be in January.
- ❖ We have received estimates from PND on the potential small cruise ship dock. These are being reviewed by Harbor Staff and American Cruise Lines.
- ❖ The Police Department worked with local tribal members, NOAA and others to dispatch aggressive sealion in the Harbor.
- ❖ I am working with our federal lobbyist and several department heads on the preparation for the Federal Priorities list. I am expecting this to be on the agenda, along with the State Capsis list, for the first meeting in January.