



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 22 February 2022**

- ❖ Lots of trail clearing to do from fallen trees and limbs by Parks & Recreation.
- ❖ Parks & Rec. is organizing a Triathlon Club for those who may be interested talk to Scott Burt.
- ❖ Swim Lessons coming up again soon, so keep in touch with P&R.
- ❖ We had our first assisted living resident test positive on February 10th. The resident complained of cold symptoms and was tested positive. She had been in her room the whole day before. On Friday all POA's were notified of the positive case in the facility. We began taking temps and watching closely for symptoms. Friday afternoon another resident had a temp and two home tests showed two negatives. PCR test given later and was positive. Steve and I met with hospital staff via zoom Saturday evening. The decision was made to test all residents and staff. All POA's were again contacted and the RN and Shelyn tested all negative residents on Sunday. While all of those residents with symptoms appear to be mild, we stopped all communal gatherings and full PPE was implemented. On Monday we tested negative residents again with PCR tests and it was found that many of those that had tested negative with the home kits were now positive, bringing the total amount of positive residents to 10, with one fatality where COVID may have contributed to the cause of death. We continue to test negative residents and have suspended visitors and communal gatherings until this is over. Staff is working overtime and different shifts and we are grateful for the Manor team more than ever.
- ❖ Sandy has been distributing masks, gowns, and at-home COVID tests, and coordinating with PMC to obtain more at-home COVID tests from the State.
- ❖ Josh is at the National Fire Academy to attend the Management of Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) course.
- ❖ Volunteers for Fire, EMS, and SAR continue to train in person, and they are accepting applications. Thanks to the volunteers who continue to train and respond. We couldn't do it without them!
- ❖ With a little breather due to the break in winter conditions, the public works crew has been working on scaling and repainting the department's tilt-deck equipment trailer, which was beginning to have some rust issues. The Motor Pool's new column lifts have been a big help by allowing easy access to the underside of this large piece of equipment.
- ❖ The Public Works Culvert Replacement project is out to bid, with the bid opening scheduled for March 11th.
- ❖ Shop repair project being closed out. Streets and Motor Pool crews are very happy to be back in their permanent quarters once again!

- ❖ During the recent closure of the library, half of the collection was inventoried (roughly 20,000 items) and the catalog updated. The next half of the collection will be inventoried in early 2023. Staff were also certified in CPR.
- ❖ Build a Better World Winter Reading Challenge: Five Finger Lighthouse Society, Petersburg Rotary Club, Humanity In Progress, Petersburg Humane Association were selected by the winners of the program to receive \$250 each. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for making this program possible.
- ❖ PMPL staff is reviewing various questions and information from engineers and consultants working to further the Blind Slough Hydro design and FERC amendment.
- ❖ PMPL will be issuing an RFP for replacement of the Superior Building roof soon.
- ❖ The warmer weather and rain have brought fresh inflows into Crystal Lake as well as Tyee and Swan Lakes. Hydro power resources look good for 2022.
- ❖ EPA and ADEC continue to hold strong on forcing 301h waived treatment plants to increase treatment levels. For Petersburg that would mean adding disinfection to our effluent and a major cost to do so. Petersburg is in holding pattern as we wait for ADEC to send water quality paperwork associated with our discharge permit renewal.
- ❖ Staff is taking advantage of melting snow to access and cut alder stands for chip addition to the composting program.
- ❖ Tour ship schedule is 115 as of now.
- ❖ Harbor staff met with USCG and PND Engineers to discuss Scow Bay development. Coast Guard appreciated the opportunity and are interested in continuing conversations.
- ❖ Stalls are filling up earlier than usual. North Harbor is full, Middle Harbors has a few 26 stalls open and South Harbor has a few 42 ft. available.
- ❖ Chief Kerr, Clerk Thompson, and I, all continue to work on providing the Assembly a report on recruitment and retention in the Police Department. We will be meeting again next week to review the draft in preparation for presentation to the Assembly at the first meeting in March.
- ❖ Borough Manager Giesbrecht and our consultant from Chilkat Environmental, met with the Alaska DEC site manager responsible for the evaluation of the Petro warehouse. Meeting went well and ADEC appears to be recommending the closure of the site with no additional remediation required. The only restrictions might be that the owner could not put a drinking water well on the property, and the Borough (or other owner) would need to notify ADEC if substantial digging and removal of soil was to occur at some point. We will reach out to the Petro and their contractor (Chevron) to ask that they include the Borough on discussions with ADEC and the final recommendations that may come back on the property at the end of the monitoring period in 2022.