



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 09 October 2023**

- ❖ Fire/EMS has been working with Assisted Living to help make them more capable when a resident gets hurt. ETT course is being offered to the staff at cost and it looks like it's going to be helpful. We have 4 folks signed up so far. This would not replace EMS service when needed but is more to help identify when an emergency is taking place.
- ❖ Property tax payments are due in the finance office by 4:30pm on October 16th. A postmark is not considered timely. Call 907-772-4425 if you have any questions.
- ❖ Karl is working on the land procurement process, loan increase and process to hire a company to complete controls for the Pump Station 4 project.
- ❖ WW staff successfully removed the portable restrooms and have winterized them until next spring.
- ❖ All seems to be ready to start using the new handheld and software for meter reading in October.
- ❖ The Blind Slough contractor has seen some large milestones lately. With Gilkes' arrival, many pieces of equipment have been moved into the powerhouse. The first section of penstock is in place and the turbine inlet valve, nozzle piping and turbine case are also set. The generator is scheduled to be moved into the building on Tuesday, October 3rd and all pieces of Gilkes supplied equipment should be installed by October 14th. McG/DCI continues to work on the penstock and thrust blocks.
- ❖ A reminder to boat owners, harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal. Owners grab their stuff if they want it.
- ❖ Reminder to boat owners to call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town. Also, Harbor Staff is touching base with owners with vessels of concern. Reminding owners to prepare their boats for winter and snow/freezing issues.
- ❖ Dredge contractor – Western Marine is on scene and geared up to start dredging. Staff will be contacting boat owners prior to relocating vessels as the contractor works their way through South Harbor.
- ❖ Thank you to PMPL for changing out harbor lighting at the Drive Down this week.
- ❖ The Streets crew replaced the wear decking on the City Creek bridge, and hydrant winterization will get underway soon.
- ❖ The Borough's new vactor truck has been inspected, tested, and placed into service. Factory personnel were onsite September 26th to help train the Borough's personnel in the use of the new truck. The old vactor will

be auctioned this fall along with other surplus Borough vehicles and equipment.

- ❖ The Sanitation crew is working on cleaning up the landfill prior to snow season. Cars have been stacked (thanks to the Streets crew for helping.) and we have containers on the way for all the boats that need to be demolished.
- ❖ Building Maintenance is working on startup of various heating systems for the winter season.
- ❖ The library's new Xerox WorkCenter is now available for public use. It was purchased with a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.
- ❖ Library squid hoodies are now available for purchase online at psglib.org/store. Proceeds from sales support programs and activities at the library.
- ❖ Homegrown Conversations, the library's radio show, is back on KFSK Wednesdays at 6:30pm. It features audio collected in partnership with Tim Shumway's Senior Alaska History Class. Each student interviewed a local person about their life experiences. All interviews will be archived on the library's web site.
- ❖ Assisted Living is working on Medicaid and the changes of some of the residents cost of care. We are also working with Alaska Care and a resident's POA on required paperwork for rental payments.
- ❖ Starting on the state inspection paperwork and getting Assisted Living into shape for the inspection.
- ❖ We did the flu vaccines at the Manor last week for the residents that wanted it.
- ❖ After looking into and talking with the state. It is required that tenants who rent a room at the Manor have a background check as well as a TB test (TB test every year) before they can move in.
- ❖ State also stated there is supposed to be locked doors between AL and EH. We have fire doors there so we will be asking about this and finding if these are required as well to be locked.
- ❖ Floor coverings are happening in the gymnasium portion of the Community Center. Thank you for your patience during this project and know that all areas of the facility will be reopened soon.
- ❖ The pools and mezzanine will be closed on Oct. 13th and 14th for the HS Swim & Dive meet. Please call or stop by the Parks and Rec front desk with any questions and view the fliers for specifics.
- ❖ Thank you to the many parents and student coaches and referees who have stepped up to help create a successful Youth Basketball season at Parks and Rec with 116 kids this season ~ we could not do it without you! Also, thanks to Julie Anderson and Chrystine Lynn for organizing!
- ❖ The first Borough Safety Committee meeting will be held on October 24, 2023, and will have an employee attending from each department including a representative from the IBEW and PMEA unions. Cole Cummins from APEI and Susan Erickson from Petersburg Wrangell Insurance will also be attending. The first agenda will include: Discussing the purpose of the committee, review of APEI recommendations, setting the meeting schedule and assigning responsibilities.