



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 5 December 2022**

- ❖ Com. Dev. held the first monthly meeting with DNR entitlement land staff. Discussion focused on timing of future decisions.
- ❖ Working on response to Div. of Forestry's latest comments regarding the borough's appeal of the state's decision to retain waterfront parcels at Woodpecker Cove and Blind Slough.
- ❖ DNR notified the borough that it is unable to convey the upland parcel at Papke's Landing through the entitlement process because the parcels were not obtained through the statehood land grant. The borough may still pursue conveyance through the Public & Charitable Use process.
- ❖ Submitted a letter to DNR Commissioner requesting he release the stay on selected lands that are not part of the borough's appeal so these lands, which have already been approved for conveyance, can continue to move forward in that process. DNR is considering the request.
- ❖ Three new dispatchers have started training.
- ❖ Sgt Ayriss has been conducting ALICE training for Borough staff.
- ❖ The Petersburg Police Department is hosting S'mores with the Cops on December 23rd from 4-6 pm at Sandy Beach Park. Santa will be in attendance and there will be hot chocolate.
- ❖ The water department would like to remind the public to protect their water pipes from freezing. Install insulation around any pipes and water meters if they are exposed to cold temperatures. Repair any house skirting that may be damaged or loose and allows cold air to enter crawl spaces were water pipes might exist. Running a minimal amount of water in a faucet during the colder weather will keep water moving and prevent it from freezing.
- ❖ HDR Engineering is under contract to provide expertise and technical support during the effort to achieve the renewal of the wastewater discharge permit and 301(h) waiver. It is expected that their work will be complete in early January insofar as the initial discharge mixing zone study and form submittals to ADEC.
- ❖ The utility encourages all customers that utilize electric space heaters to be safe and keep them away from any combustibles in their homes.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs is considering extending the bid date for the Blind Slough project to December 12th. Many questions are coming in from prospective bidders and there is a desire to allow them the time needed to fine tune all aspects of their bids.

- ❖ The line crew will be placing snow flags on various junction boxes and transformers around town to make sure they are seen under the snow this winter.
- ❖ The line crew will be assisting the elementary school with decorating their Christmas tree again this year.
- ❖ The wet weather around the Thanksgiving holiday filled up Crystal Lake to spill conditions. The lake is now completely full heading into the freeze.
- ❖ A reminder to boat owners harbor staff will be monitoring floats of clutter to make way for winter snow removal. Extension cords should be tucked tight against bull rail or risk getting caught by snow removal equipment. Also, boat owners should call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ Harbor staff continues to meet with the USACE and Contractor weekly meetings. Western Marine is mobilized with their barges and tug and in the process of setting up equipment. They expect to start dredging by the end of the first full week of December. The USACE Construction leader plans on arriving to oversee set up 5-9th.
- ❖ Tamico is scheduled to install a couple broken piles at the Crane Dock and replace one on D Float that rotted off at the mudline.
- ❖ Aaron continues to finish all Job Certification requirements, estimated completion of all certifications is the end of February. He is also working with some Emergency planning folks on the update for the Disaster recovery plan.
- ❖ We have a current online Emergency Trauma Technician Certification open. This course is free to members or persons who apply to be members of the PVFD, if you wish to take the course but not join, the price is \$250. This is a self-paced course that you can complete in your own time with a completion deadline on Feb 28th, 2023. The Enrollment deadline is Feb 1st, 2023.
- ❖ The EMT-1 bridge course will start Jan 8th, the prerequisites for the course are a current ETT or Wilderness First Responder certification. If you take the current ETT course and finish before the start of the EMT-1 bridge, you may join the class. Enrollment deadline is Jan 3rd.
- ❖ The Modified FF-1 course will start on Jan 7th. This is our introduction class for firefighting, if you are looking to join the fire branch, there is no better time. Contact the station for details.
- ❖ Ryan is working on preparations for the new Fire Apparatus, and planning the equipment swap for when the truck arrives. The build date for our new engine is set for January with an estimated delivery to Petersburg sometime in May.
- ❖ Our maintenance staff are working on a more comprehensive preventative maintenance program for Borough buildings.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation will be hosting the Winter Wonderland event on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 4p-6p. Any businesses or entities that wish to sponsor a tree, please contact Julie Anderson at Parks and Rec.
- ❖ The Ice Skate Pond lights are up and functioning! Thank you to Fred Haltner, Petersburg Municipal Power and Light, Mattingly Electric, Tamico, and the State of Alaska for their assistance with this project!