



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 May 2021**

- ❖ The Borough has open positions in several departments. Interested parties should check with Becky or review the Borough's website and FACEBOOK page.
- ❖ EH window replacement should take place toward the end of May.
- ❖ Sandy attended several virtual meetings these past weeks. These include the State Local Emergency Planning Committee Association, Southeast Regional EMS Symposium, and the Petersburg Port Safety and Security spring teleconference April 27.
- ❖ Ryan attended the Alaska Fire and Arson Investigators Conference.
- ❖ The Library is getting summer programs ready to launch. We will have programs for all ages this summer.
- ❖ Thanks to the many individuals and businesses that have donated to Summer STREAM, donations can be made online (psglib.org) or at the library front desk.
- ❖ We're excited to welcome Ray Wesebaum to the Community Development Dept. Ray will be taking over Building Official duties. His first day is May 3rd.
- ❖ The State of Alaska's Low-Income Heating Assistance Program is accepting applications through August 31 this year. The state has also set up a virtual call center to assist applicants. The phone number is **1-800-478-7778**. Applicants must meet income requirements to receive assistance. Applications are available at the borough finance office or online at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/hap/default.aspx>.
- ❖ Water staff helped to mark the location of the water main on 12th Street prior to the start of the next phase of PIA's project to install storm drainage and sidewalks from Haugen Drive to the Airport Subdivision. The sidewalk on 12th Street will be installed on top of a water main that experienced a bad leak about 1 ½ years ago. Planning for the replacement of this main should be possible without disturbing a majority of the sidewalk or pavement.
- ❖ ADEC has issued an Approval to Construct for the Ira II Street Sewer Main project. Alan Murph, Project Engineer, is currently working on bid documents to advertise the work as soon as possible.
- ❖ Rock N Road has made good progress on the Scow Bay Pumpstation project. On April 27th, the new wet well was placed. The recent dry weather helped to reduce ground water impacts to the project dramatically.

- ❖ Staff is spending some time to familiarize themselves with the new public restroom trailers and sort out how they will be sited and operated through the spring, summer, and fall. We have a goal to have at least one of the trailers set up in the back of the municipal building parking lot prior to the Little Norway Festival.
- ❖ The annual SEAPA shutdown is scheduled for the first 10 days of June.
- ❖ D&D Tree Service continues to assist PMPL with various cutting and clearing activities around our local power lines.
- ❖ PMPL is working with the Chamber of Commerce and Hammer and Wikan to provide power to various functions and locations for the Festival.
- ❖ The spring snow survey at Tyee and Swan Lakes indicate that there is the equivalent of 68 feet of lake level in the snowpack at Swan Lake and a whopping 159' of lake level equivalent at Tyee Lake. In one of the survey locations at Tyee Lake, the snow was over 20' deep and exceeded the capabilities of the measuring equipment. Crystal Lake has a healthy snowpack as well, but no annual calculations on snow water equivalent are made. With spring temperatures and rainfall, all lakes are now starting to fill.
- ❖ The finance department is starting up disconnects again for nonpayment of utilities.
- ❖ USACE has rescheduled the dredge spoil sampling for the first week in May. Staff continues to work on coordination support of this project.
- ❖ Annual Launch permits and Middle Harbor parking permits are available.
- ❖ Join Petersburg Parks and Rec this summer (May 1 – Sept 1) in a little friendly Southeast competition against Juneau and Wrangell in our “Walk SE” event! Check out the Parks and Rec Facebook page or contact them for more details!
- ❖ Parks and Rec will resume charging on May 17th. Details to follow!
- ❖ I met with Mark Morris and Peter Anderson regarding the repairs to the Aquatic Center. We have the Mechanical Engineer coming on May 7th and we are expecting some additional information from the original project engineer Wayne Jensen shortly. We will be working with them to identify the possible repairs and outline the estimates on the costs for the facility. It appears we will also need to have the interior of the building painted sometime soon as there is significant paint flaking occurring in the building, contributing to corrosion in places. I do not have a timeframe or cost on the painting currently.
- ❖ Assisted Living and Petersburg Medical Center staff met to discuss improved communications between the groups. This will likely be a meeting that we do regularly to help coordinate resident care at the Manor.