



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 02 May 2022**

- ❖ The library has received a grant from the Petersburg Community Foundation to purchase iPads for youth STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) programming. These funds will be matched by contributions from Kris Norosz and the Rasmuson Foundation.
- ❖ The library is current seeking donations for our 2022 summer programs. Donations can be made online at psglib.org or at the library front desk.
- ❖ Upcoming classes at the library include a Watercolor Workshop with Pia Reilly, Container Gardening with Andrea Weathers and a presentation from the author of *Gardening Near Glaciers*.
- ❖ ADEC recently notified the water department of its standing as an Ursa Major rated utility for the calendar year 2020. This rating recognizes water utilities that provide excellent service to the community as demonstrated by excellence in reporting to the State.
- ❖ The Senate Finance Committee, Co-chaired by Senator Stedman, held a hearing on the Wastewater 301h permit issue on April 14th. Testimony was limited, but representatives from Anchorage and Ketchikan utilities did a good job of pleading the case of the utilities and communities.
- ❖ A reminder to the public that not all wood waste is accepted at the wood drop off site. Limbs and small diameter logs (less than 6") are accepted for free. Brush, stumps, large logs (over 6" diameter) and lumber with nails or screws are not acceptable materials at the site and must be disposed of elsewhere.
- ❖ NC Machinery mobilized to Petersburg on April 18th to begin the Caterpillar 399 overhaul. The project is going well, and they anticipate completion and testing by Friday, April 29th.
- ❖ Initial drafts of the Scow Bay Generation study indicate that a 3.5MW diesel is needed as the first step toward adequate standby coverage.
- ❖ Our current inventory of transformers is being stressed by new construction this spring. It is highly recommended that customers that wish to receive a new service this year should talk to PMPL as soon as they can to secure a transformer for their project. If the utility runs out of transformers, there will be no chance of providing service to any new homes or businesses until January or February of 2023.
- ❖ Blind Slough Hydro progress:
 - McMillen Jacobs recently solicited vendors for long lead time valving associated with the hydro bypass piping at Blind Slough. The valves in question are being purchased ahead of time to ensure that they will arrive in conjunction with the powerhouse equipment this fall.
 - McMillen Jacobs recently sent out a license amendment packet to multiple stakeholders involved with the hydro relicensing effort. We've asked for comments to be provided over the next 60 days.

- ❖ The two empty apartments on the Assisted Living second floor will be filled with independent residents as we continue to go through the staffing shortages in town.
- ❖ Firefighter New Recruit Class cancelled. No one showed up.
- ❖ Had an outside instructor come to Petersburg for Wilderness First Responder initial and refresher courses. Some were also dual certified as Emergency Trauma Technicians.
- ❖ Sandy attended Spring Emergency Management/Preparedness Conference and Local Emergency Planning Committee Association and State Emergency Response Commission meetings in Anchorage April 19-22, 2022. Attendance is required by the State to be eligible for State and Federal grants.
- ❖ Fire Department invited the USCG Crew from the Anacapa to our monthly dinner (April 4) to thank them for their service and wish them well after the decommissioning of the vessel.
- ❖ The transition to every-other-week recycling pickup is going smoothly, with very few customer calls or complaints about the change in schedule.
- ❖ Public Works Director Cotta, Sanitation Supervisor Aaron Marohl, and Building Maintenance Tech Sam Jackson made a trip to Wrangell on April 26th to visit with Wrangell's Motor Pool, Sanitation and Public Works Depts. We received some hands-on training on the operation and maintenance of SEASWA's new tire shear unit, which is currently located in Wrangell but is being shipped to Petersburg soon.
 - While in Wrangell we also had a chance to examine their centrifuge waste oil filtration system which is a step up from the process we use in Petersburg. We are planning to implement a similar system for our waste oil stream at the Petersburg baler.
 - We were also able to visit Wrangell's solid waste baler and transfer station and discuss baler operations and other solid waste issues with one of their operators and their Public Works Director. The Public Works staff in Wrangell were very good hosts and we had a highly informative and productive visit. We have invited them to tour our operations in Petersburg if they get an opportunity.
- ❖ Thank you to the USFS for the donation of a Taser training suit. This will allow Petersburg Police Department to implement realistic scenarios and de-escalation training with the use of role players who can escalate or de-escalate based on the officers' words or actions.
- ❖ Chief Kerr attended the SECAD meeting in Juneau. This meeting covered operational goals, MOU's and input from the member agencies.
- ❖ This past Saturday (April 23), in recognition for Earth Day, grades 2, 3, & 4 Girl Scouts cleaned up about 20 pounds of trash from the municipal building property and around the block!
- ❖ Got word from the USACE AK District project manager that the South Harbor Dredge bid opening was successful! Competitive bidding between 3 contractors resulted in the award going to Western Marine for just under \$4 million and included 100% of the Boroughs responsibilities. The USACE received full Federal funding for all the base items in the bid packet. The project will begin in October and the Harbor will be getting information out to users on schedule.
- ❖ Harbor Board met and reviewed the Papke's Landing conceptual drawing and agreed to send it back to the Assembly advising them to get more public comments.