



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 03 October 2022**

- ❖ The public library's passport service is suspended indefinitely due to unforeseen circumstances, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- ❖ Ice Skate Pond Lighting project is underway, and area will be ready for our upcoming winter ice skating season! Thank you to Fred Haltiner, Petersburg Municipal Power and Light, Tamico and Mattingly Electric for all the work, and donated money, time, and materials.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation received State grant funding to add more lights around ballfield, which will happen in the next few years. Parks and Recreation is working with Petersburg Little League and Petersburg School District for designs and placement.
- ❖ The annual Halloween Hustle will be hosted by Parks and Recreation on Monday, Oct. 31 from 4-6p. Great volunteer opportunity, contact Julie Anderson at Community Center if interested.
- ❖ We continue to have deferred maintenance work needed at the Community Center. Electrical/Boiler Room work will be happening mid-October; contacting plumbing contractors to discuss a leak in the Boiler room above one of the heat exchangers; and staff is working to develop a plan for the needed sewer line repairs.
- ❖ Water Staff is starting to winterize various air relief valves and other equipment.
- ❖ The tub grinder is in Petersburg and has been set up at the wastewater plant. Staff is evaluating whether additional parts and pieces will be needed to produce the right size of wood chips for the composting system, but are happy with the condition of the grinder and know it will help our process dramatically.
- ❖ McMillen Jacobs has the Blind Slough project available for download by interested contractors. The bid documents are being posted on the Alaskan Plans Room for any interested contractor to view. There has been quite a bit of interest in a short amount of time. The site visit for prospective bidders is scheduled for October 24 and 25th with the bid opening scheduled for November 28th at 4:00pm.
- ❖ PMPL Staff will be checking streetlights prior to Halloween. If citizens know of a streetlight that is not working properly, please contact PMPL at 907-772-4203 to report it for repairs.
- ❖ The window replacement (phase 1) in the Elderly Housing dining room has been completed and looks great.
- ❖ We are working through the numerous steps to set up the Elderly Housing and Assisted Living as separate entities, and processing paperwork to reflect the changes in Administration with various state and federal agencies.

- ❖ Michelle continues to help Assisted Living as we work through the transition to Derrick at Assisted Living.
- ❖ Please remember to call the Harbor Office with boat watching information. Harbor staff is touching base with owners with vessels of concern. Reminding owners to prep their boats for winter and snow/freezing issues.
- ❖ Sgt. Ayriiss conducted ALICE training for the high school & middle school staff along with a separate ALICE training for the elementary school staff. Feedback received from the training has been great.
- ❖ Officers Popp and Wolf attended additional training for tactical responses. The course was comprised of 16 students from many agencies. At the end of the course Officer Popp took #1 Top Shot and Officer Wolf placed #2 in the class. Congratulations to Officer Popp and Officer Wolf for placing #1 & #2 in the course and representing Petersburg Police Department at the highest professional level possible.
- ❖ Community Development department is continuing to clear out residential building plans from past projects. Homeowners will receive a letter explaining where to pick up the house plans. We would appreciate it if homeowners would let us know if they do not want their plans back, so we can dispose of them.
- ❖ Ray completed Asbestos Abatement training class. The information will be helpful to property owners and contractors during building repair and renovation projects.
- ❖ Assisted Living finished the last of the preparation for a room showing this past Wednesday.
- ❖ We are attempting to fix the old dishwasher and put it back in service so the current unit can be taken out of service and hopefully repaired.
- ❖ Motor Pool continues to get the fleet prepped for winter.
- ❖ We sent one of our mechanics to Anchorage last week for fire equipment pump service training.
- ❖ Sanitation is advertising to fill a Sanitation Operator position after a recent staff resignation.
- ❖ Garbage bears are back at it and garbage-raiding incidents have increased this past week. We encourage anyone who is still having bear issues to contact Public Works so we can discuss how best to handle the problem. Keeping garbage well-secured and as far removed from bears as possible is the best way to minimize the potential for trouble.
- ❖ We have one Maintenance technician up at the Manor helping with a space renovation, and another completing some siding installation on the equipment shed and planning for replacement of the WW parts storage shed.
- ❖ The application for the Papke's property acquisition has been sent to ADNR and copied to ADOT. They are asking for some details regarding the conceptual plans that may require future changes. I am reviewing their requests with Harai and Associates.
- ❖ Property taxes are due by October 17th at 4:30 in the finance office. They can be paid online, by mail or in person.
- ❖ Our contract property assessors are in town and will be back the week of October 10th if anyone would like to meet with them.