



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 05 September 2023**

- ❖ Dive In Movie Nights are scheduled as monthly Aquatic Events, check out our fliers for the next upcoming movie.
- ❖ Sprint Triathlon coming up on Saturday, September 16th! Contact Scott Burt or Front Desk for questions and/or registration.
- ❖ Youth Basketball registration opening soon – still looking for volunteers for all positions: coach, referees, time/score keepers. Please see Julie Anderson so that we may have a successful season.
- ❖ Still looking for a motor pool mechanic. We have not had any applicants to date.
- ❖ The Borough's new vector truck is in route and should be in Petersburg the first week of September.
- ❖ Chris and Aaron will be traveling to Southeast Conference in Sitka, September 19-21 to attend the annual meeting of the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA).
- ❖ We met recently with representatives from the Wastewater Dept to look at ways to address issues with the wastewater discharges from the baler. It is anticipated that the forthcoming changes in EPA regulations for Petersburg's wastewater discharges will necessitate some improvements to the baler's sewage system.
- ❖ Sam and Jim are finishing up some new covered storage located between the water and sewer sheds in the public works yard. The new covered area will help keep welding and fabrication supplies out of the weather.
- ❖ The Maintenance Dept is helping Assisted Living address some maintenance needs identified during a recent AHFC inspection of the premises.
- ❖ Tour ship activity is still busy through mid-September so thank you again to the local fleet playing nice at the drive down facility.
- ❖ On Monday August 21 a staff and Harbor Board/Assembly members met with USACE delegation that included the new USACE AK District Commander Jeff Palazzini,, Chief Randy Bowker also from the Ak District and Edward Belk, USACE Civil Works Director from DC for a meet and greet and Scow Bay site visit for Scow Bay. Staff felt like visit went well so hope the proposed project feasibility study makes it into the Federal budget.
- ❖ Assisted Living is working with Maintenance on an action plan for repairs noted in the recent inspection.

- ❖ Looking into what we have collected from Medicaid in reimbursement from what we have not received in past.
- ❖ We should have the Assisted Living kitchen back this week.
- ❖ Have a resident that needs to go to Juneau to see a specialized doctor and working with Medicaid to see what we can do to get the resident up there.
- ❖ Water staff completed a hydrant flow test near the new hospital site.
- ❖ Wastewater staff is replacing the force main under the Dock Street pier that serves the Coast Guard and making good progress in a very tough location to work.
- ❖ A request to proceed with a land acquisition scenario at Pumpstation 4 will be forthcoming at the next Assembly meeting. Discussions with neighbors are ongoing and I hope to finalize the path and request authorization to move forward at the September 18th meeting.
- ❖ PMPL responded to a request for further information from the Dept of Energy regarding the Section 243 grant. It is still anticipated with award of this grant; the Blind Slough project will receive \$2.7M.
- ❖ Blind Slough Hydro is moving forward; however, the contractor has had difficulty with removal of concrete from within the powerhouse and also with drilling into the bedrock for install of new generator foundation anchors. Gilkes Hydro, manufacturer of the generating equipment, will be in Petersburg on September 20th to guide McG/DCI on the installation of their equipment.
- ❖ The Scow Bay Generator #2 RFP resulted in four proposals being received. PMPL is working with the highest ranked proposer, Marine Services Inc./Virdi Power, to achieve satisfactory terms on the unit that was proposed.
- ❖ PMPL is advertising for an Electrician/Operator with the news that our current Electrician is resigning and moving south. The department's journeyman Lineman position remains open with very few applicants responding and no applicants that were deemed qualified. Both applicant pools for these positions are currently empty.
- ❖ The library's summer reading programs have wrapped up, over 250 people of all ages participated this year. Thank you the many individuals and business whose donations make these programs possible.
- ❖ The library is now selling hoodies featuring original artwork by Doris Olsen. Proceeds help support programs and activities at the library.
- ❖ The Borough's auditors, BDO, will be in town between September 11th – 15th conducting their annual audit. Finance staff is currently preparing and pulling samples for their preaudit testing. If anyone has questions for them while they are in town, they will be set up in the conference room in the municipal building during this time.
- ❖ The Commissioner of Natural Resources acknowledged the timely filing of the borough's appeal regarding parcels at Hood Pt and Prolewy Pt. The commissioner agreed to waive the stay on lands adjudicated under the most recent decision that are not part of the borough's appeal. This means the borough now has management authority over the lands approved for conveyance and that the borough may request a survey determination to move certain selections closer to conveyance.