



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 21 October 2024**

- ❖ The Fire Department is hosting an EMT-1 Initial class starting 10/21. This course will take place nights and Saturdays until Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Learn Not to Burn was 10/7-10/11, Thank you to Kegan Green, Kayla Perry, Heather Canik and Cindi Lagoudakis for making it a success this year.
- ❖ Coby Holder was hired as the new EMS Coordinator. He will start 11/4 and will be a great addition to the team. Thank you to Patrick Lane for stepping in to help catch up on EMS Coordinator duties in preparation for Coby to start.
- ❖ Friendly reminder to folks to check the batteries in their smoke detector when they change their clocks back for Daylight Savings time.
- ❖ The Fire department will be handing out glow sticks and candy in Severson's subdivision and other areas during Halloween. Residents at Elderly Housing will be handing out candy in the lobby of Elderly Housing on Halloween from 6:00-8:00. Please come in through our patio entrance to the south end of the building.
- ❖ Steelhead Construction received approval from the Fire Marshall on the EH Entrance Repair Project. Please drive slowly and carefully around the building and refrain from blocking the emergency access route.
- ❖ PMPL is auditing customers and will be sending out letters to customers that must move their meters to an accessible location (for maintenance and reading) or have temporary services that need to be upgraded to a permanent, code compliant meter base. For customers who get letters from the Utility Director, they can call 907-772-4203 with any questions.
- ❖ Pumpstation 4 Force Main project – Invitations to Bid have been prepared and Chris Cotta will be taking over the project at this point. Karl is still involved with finalizing the remaining land acquisition processes, but the Public Works office will manage the project through bidding and construction.
- ❖ Remember boat owners' harbor staff will be cleaning up floats of water hoses and clutter to make way for snow removal. Also, remember to call the Harbor Office with boat-watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance has been working to track down a waterline leak in the South Harbor, staff appreciate the customers' patience, and we are inspecting the line for cracks and damaged areas.
- ❖ Harbor staff has been working with the Borough attorney to draft language for code changes to permanent moorage contracts to protect the Borough from derelict vessel situations. These changes have been reviewed by the Harbor Advisory Board and will come before the Assembly on a future agenda.

- ❖ Harbor Staff has been working with CEO of American Cruise line to partner with the Borough to develop conceptual drawings that will be used at a future community open house and a work session with the Assembly and staff.
- ❖ A water fountain has been placed up in the mezzanine of the aquatic center. This will be greatly appreciated by our patrons and employees alike!
- ❖ We have upcoming limited open swims and cancellations due to a significant loss of lifeguards for traveling, school, etc. We are Lining up another lifeguard course that will be held in early to mid-November. Please help spread the word on that to as we need to get people signed up for potential Lifeguard employment.
- ❖ We are gearing up for our annual Halloween Hustle and are looking forward to a pumpkin plunge again this year! Pumpkins have been donated by Bennett McGrath, and the pumpkin patch! Please keep an eye out around Parks and Recreation facility and Facebook posts for updates on these events, and our Dive In movie events for the season.
- ❖ Parks And Rec has continued partnership with Petersburg Medical Center for another session of Bingo-cize! Please contact PMC for involvement in this wonderful class that has been proven to help with fall prevention.
- ❖ Julie Anderson, Aaron Hankins, and Stephanie Payne were all certified by the Alaska Office of Boating Safety, in conjunction with the US Coast Guard, at the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association conference in Wrangell this September to conduct Kids Don't Float and cold-water survival programming.
- ❖ Local dirt roads are in poor condition due to all the rain and not many opportunities to use the street grader. The crew will be out grading as soon as weather allows.
- ❖ We've gotten word from SECON that they are planning to have a paving plant in town during construction season in 2026. Public Works is gathering information on paving costs and funding options, including a possible grant. The potential costs are eye-opening, to say the least
- ❖ Some garbage bear activity continues, but overall, the community is doing a much better job of keeping garbage secure. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up their game in this regard!
- ❖ The Public Works crew is working on adding a small mezzanine storage area to the Public Works parking garage. This will allow us to get some more supplies and equipment into dry storage and out of the weather.
- ❖ Assistant Director Marohl and Supervisor Mike Bell are working with EPA to get the Clearwell replacement project rolling. The Clearwell is a 280,000 gallon, open-topped tank behind the water plant that stores process water for backwashing the water filters and other plant operations. It is also the water supply for the Borough's baling facility. The Borough recently received a \$1.6M grant to fund this project, and we have also allocated \$400,000 in Water Dept reserves if needed.
- ❖ We are still waiting for the final version of the WW discharge permit to come back from EPA. There will be significant costs associated with the new permit. While we know what some of those costs are going to be, we don't know yet what the final schedule will be for required changes.