



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 04 March 2024**

- ❖ Parks and Rec will be hosting more swim and gym time during Spring Break. Check online or swing by for a flyer for your fridge!
- ❖ Borough employee Chrystine Lynn won the Chamber of Commerce 2024 Young Leader of the Year Award for her work as a volunteer at the Fire Department & EMS, and Youth Sports in the Community.
- ❖ During the recent warm weather spell, the Public Works crew constructed a pole barn to store bridge repair materials and other supplies that need to be kept under cover. Most of the materials for this structure were surplus that we had on hand.
- ❖ We are working some unbudgeted overtime in the Motor Pool to keep plow equipment running and address the routine needs of the department. Still no applicants for the open Motor Pool mechanic position.
- ❖ All departments working on next year's budget and monitoring their current year's activities.
- ❖ Director Cotta will be on vacation from March 8th – March 18th. Sanitation Dept Supervisor Aaron Marohl will be acting Public Works Director during this time.
- ❖ Artic Fire & Security will arrive March 11 and start installing the new locking system at the PD. Install should be completed on or before March 22.
- ❖ The finance director and staff are currently reviewing and editing the sales tax code for more transparency and clarification. Edits will be going before the assembly at a future meeting.
- ❖ Assessment notices went out in the mail on March 1. Property owners have one month to appeal their assessment.
- ❖ The library's annual inventory closure is scheduled for Monday, March 4 –March 7.
- ❖ Harbor Staff working with Alan Murph on a few conceptual designs and cost estimates for future harbor projects.
- ❖ Harbor working on tour ship schedule, it's a bit higher with 118 on the schedule so far.
- ❖ Harbor Board has met and worked through Borough harbor lease considerations that have been forwarded to Admin.

- ❖ The South Harbor Dredge project made national news for the positive use of infrastructure monies that allowed the Corps to dredge the Harbor for the first time in 42 years and accept future responsibilities for dredging work.
- ❖ Derrick is working with Jaque from the hospital about Medicaid. We have 3 years of Medicaid that needs to be put into their system that works for Medicaid audits.
- ❖ Covid has been hitting the Assisted Living facility. We had 7 residents with covid. Everyone is doing better.
- ❖ We are in the process of evaluating the rate structure of Assisted Living. It is likely rates will increase for next year's budget.
- ❖ Paperwork has been submitted and approved for the annual Operating Cost Adjustment Factors (OCAF) rent adjustment for Petersburg Elderly Housing. This is a HUD process.
- ❖ Raincountry Contractors completed the annual boiler maintenance where Brian discovered and repaired an issue with the fuel line, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the system.
- ❖ Ongoing firefighter course at the Fire Hall started March 2nd. If an individual is interested now is a great time to join. Classes will run on Saturdays until completed.
- ❖ The Borough is hosting a Wilderness First Aid course for the public. We partnered with PMC to do this. The Course is March 24th 8-6. Contact PVFD or PMC Wellness office for details.
- ❖ I met with Tribal President Debra O'Gara and Vice Chair Nathan Lopez to discuss the possibility of moving forward on the 8th Street housing project. PIA is looking at the project and will let me know.
- ❖ I spoke with Jackie Pata from Tlingit & Haida Housing this past week. They are working with PIA on the possibility of moving forward with a housing project in Petersburg. I had met with Tribal President Debra O'Gara and Vice Chair Nathan Lopez as well.
- ❖ Assembly members Lynn and Fine-Walsh, along with Mayor Jensen, and myself, met with the ADOT Southcoast Regional Director to discuss future projects that could benefit Petersburg. The Group also met with Senator Stedman and Representative Himschoot to discuss various issues related to school funding, the Hospital, deferred maintenance, and other future capital needs.