



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 20 September 2021**

- ❖ The Streets crew assisted Parks-N-Rec with removal of a derelict staircase at Eagle's Roost Park. They are still working on seasonal road maintenance and will start prepping for winter soon.
- ❖ Work continues on the Motor Pool Shop repairs. Interior framing is mostly complete, and the mechanical and electrical subs are working on their portions of the project.
- ❖ A revised Sanitation Ordinance has been drafted and is being reviewed by staff and the Borough's attorney. It will be presented to the Assembly at the next regular meeting on October 4th. Garbage bears are still being reported. Along with proposed revisions to the Sanitation Ordinance, we are working with local law enforcement and ADF&G to educate the public on what measures need to be taken to remedy the garbage bear problem.
- ❖ After a lot of updating on our waste oil system at the baler, we are once again burning waste oil. Although some work remains, we feel like our system is in good shape to keep pace with heating needs and used oil deliveries from the Harbor Dept.
- ❖ Since GCI will no longer be providing cable TV, Manor staff have been working hard for months to find a replacement solution that will provide adequate channels, lowest cost, and the closest service to what we currently have for our EH and AL residents. We are able to utilize our current cable line with the new system and will not involve streaming which would have been an astronomical amount of money initially and monthly.
- ❖ **Reminder:** Parks and Recreation will be adding additional parking at Sandy Beach to accommodate more usage of the area. Parking spots will be added behind Shelter 1 and additional parking will be added on roadside. The culvert will also be replaced, and two dead trees will be removed for safety reasons. This work is slated to be completed during last week of September.
- ❖ Youth Basketball Registration is open until September 25th. Season begins September 20th. Online registration is available or visit Parks and Rec to get signed up!
- ❖ Park restrooms will be closed on October 1st for the winter.
- ❖ Auditors were in town last week testing and sampling Borough financial information for fiscal year 2021 with focus on the \$3.9 million in Cares Act funds that were expended last year.
- ❖ Property taxes are due into the finance office by 4:30 on October 15th.
- ❖ The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is accepting applications for a new Alaska Housing Rent Relief period through **Oct. 1, 2021**, providing up to three months of rent relief to eligible applicants who meet the federal requirements. Renters struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to check their

eligibility and apply for Alaska Housing Rent Relief at AlaskaHousingRelief.org.

- ❖ The Small Business Administration has a significant amount of funding available in the EIDL program (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) and has expanded maximum loan amounts and uses of fund to include payment and prepayment of business debt (past or future). Current borrowers may be eligible for increased loan amounts. More information online at sba.gov
- ❖ The library is now open again on Mondays 11am-8pm
- ❖ Thanks to Matt Gerrits and Andrea Weathers for doing an amazing job of taking care of the library grounds and planters this summer.
- ❖ The library will not be offering passport services Sept 22-October 18
- ❖ The Borough website is seeing about 100 unique visitors per day. If you'd like to see changes or improvements, please let Tara know.
- ❖ Ira II Street Sewer project will be kicking off the week of September 20th once the contractor's materials are received. This work will impact traffic on Ira II Street for approximately a month. The wastewater department encourages anyone that must walk or drive through this area to be aware of heavy equipment, abide by traffic control signs and avoid walking into the active work site as it progresses from 4th Street to 8th Street on Ira II.
- ❖ Power and Light has hired a new Office Manager and Lineman Apprentice. Sarah O'Brocta is training to assume the Office Manager role once Sue Flanary retires on December 1st and David Mazzella joined the line crew on August 23rd. Welcome aboard!
- ❖ The final commissioning of the submarine cable was completed on August 11th. PMPL ran the diesel plant on the 9th and 11th to enable the work to be completed in a safe manner.
- ❖ Line crew work this month includes; install of new LED streetlights on North Nordic and Sandy Beach Road; Work with Contractor for installation of new three phase transformer at the Vakkersted apartments; Working on providing service to three local Verizon cell tower antennas.
- ❖ The electrician continues to install AMI meters in the harbor, perform inspections for electrical permits and work on supplying power to heat pump for control room.
- ❖ The powerplant mechanic hiked to Crystal Lake with the Engineer hired to audit the Owner's Dam Safety Plan as mandated by FERC.
- ❖ Staff recently assisted Engineers from EPS in the installation of new electrical metering on a caterpillar generator and also a new voltage regulator on one of the EMD 20 cylinders.
- ❖ PMPL was contacted by ADOT recently for a price to supply and install streetlights on Papke's Landing Road. This road is a State of Alaska right of way and the request is a continuation of the legwork that Public Works Director Cotta underwent last winter to contact ADOT following Assembly inquiries. A quote for the install of up to six LED streetlights has been forwarded to ADOT and we are waiting to hear back on the acceptability of the quoted work. If an approval is received, PMPL will work to install the lights before winter fully sets in. The lights will then be made part of the maintenance agreement between PMPL and ADOT that accepts funds annually for the maintenance and operation of all ADOT streetlights within the PMPL distribution system.