



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 3 January 2023**

- ❖ SH Dredge is on holiday break from Dec 17- Jan 3. Prior to the break Western was able to take roughly a dozen barge loads out and dump in disposal area. Digging is hard, but they are making headway as they work from the outer area towards the beach. Each dump barge load is roughly 500 cubic yards when full.
- ❖ Through Christmas the Harbor crew took turns providing extra watch due to the warming temperatures and caught near catastrophic events for 4 vessels – through hull fitting failures, cracked pumps and water tank plumbing breaks. We had pumps on scene and heat guns ready to gain to open up access hatches as needed. Also made sure to clear floats of snow before the rain came so floats were left in good shape prior to taking the holiday time off.
- ❖ Reminder for boat owners to remove clutter to make way for winter snow removal. Extension cords should be tucked tight against bull rail or risk getting caught by snow removal equipment. Also, boat owners should call the Harbor Office with boat watching information as vessel owners start to travel out of town.
- ❖ We are taking an inventory of broken washers and dryers in Assisted Living. These will be replaced as needed.
- ❖ Derrick has set up a meeting with the Medicaid people to go over current and new rules.
- ❖ The Water department has received word that as part of the omnibus spending bill recently approved by the federal government did contain some funding for replacement of the Water department's clear well. Thanks to Senator Murkowski! This will enable the department to develop a project to replace the current open-top clear well, which provides filter backwash water storage. The department will need to chip in another 20% to accomplish the work, but this will be sorted out in the FY24 budget process.
- ❖ Protect those water meters! Freezing conditions will break the frost bases on the meter and stop water from entering a home. If you have a water meter that is leaking water, you can call either the public works office or the water plant to have the Borough replace the frost base.
- ❖ HDR Engineering has produced the first draft of the ADEC forms required to apply for water quality certification for our wastewater treatment plant discharge. We have issued some corrections and edits, but this effort should be wrapped up soon and in the State's hands for review.
- ❖ During the recent cold snap, all SEAPA community members had to supplement hydro power with diesel power during system peaks. Petersburg and Wrangell took two-day shifts watching the loads and adding diesel as needed. Ketchikan also had to supplement the system with diesel power. All went well and all lights stayed on during a time of incredible stress on the regional system.
- ❖ Structural and Mechanical engineers will be visiting the Community Center Jan 10th & 11th to investigate the sewer line repair project to create biddable documents. Architectural engineer conducted a site visit on

Wednesday, Dec. 21st.

- ❖ Light visors have been purchased with State of Alaska grant funds for the overhead lights at the Ice Skate Pond, they should arrive in February.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation would like to thank PVFD for assisting with the Ice Skate Pond, having it ready for skaters is greatly appreciated by the many community members enjoying the area.
- ❖ Co-ed Youth Volleyball registration is open at Parks and Recreation! Season starts Jan. 9th. Please visit the Parks and Rec website or stop in at the Front Desk to register for 3rd – 5th and 6th – 8th grade groups.
- ❖ Parks and Rec would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Claus, the Middle and High School volunteers, Wes Malcom, Jay and Emi Anderson, Hammer & Wikan, Trading Union, OBI, and Waterway Vet Clinic for their assistance with another wonderful Winter Wonderland!
- ❖ As the weather warmed up after the recent cold snap, lots of water leaks were discovered as frozen water lines and meters thawed out. The Streets crew has been busy responding to these issues as they are reported.
- ❖ Lots of residents stopping by Public Works to get sand for driveways and sidewalks.
- ❖ Aaron is working on resurrecting the LEPC. The first meeting will be at the Fire Hall Thursday Jan 12th at 3pm.
- ❖ Aaron has received notice that the All-Hazards Mitigation plan will expire 6/13/2023, This plan expires every 5 years and there will be some items that the assembly will have to address, and Aaron will keep Steve and the Assembly updated.
- ❖ As part of the process for renewing the AHMP, Aaron has also applied for a BRIC Grant to offset the expense of renewing the plan. This is the same grant Sandy applied for in 2018 when the AHMP was renewed last.
- ❖ As Petersburg hovers between freezing and thawing temps, please keep an eye on your plumbing and if you have them, sprinkler systems. There has been a recent string of burst pipes that led to false alarms. For those buildings that will not be occupied over the winter, public works have offered to close water supply to your buildings for free. We encourage folks to take advantage of this program.
- ❖ Our Modified FF1 program begins Jan 7th. Contact the station for details.
- ❖ For those living without an established address, PVFD encourages residents to apply/register for an address to help direct PVFD when responding. Having a precise location to respond to will help us help you faster. Com Dev is happy to assist the public with this process and the PVFD Association is happy to provide address signs for \$20.
- ❖ Our online ETT program is still ongoing, deadline to sign up is Feb 1st and the EMT-1 Bridge will be starting in January. Contact the station for details.
- ❖ Two dispatchers are currently in training and doing great.
- ❖ S'mores with the Cops had a great turnout. Pictures are available at the PD.