



Borough Manager's Report Assembly Meeting 15 September 2014

- ❖ The new O&M agreement with ADOT for street light maintenance has been approved, raising the annual rate from \$23,922 to \$29,130.
- ❖ We've borrowed Wrangell's large bucket truck, and will use it for right-of-way maintenance. The first effort will be on Sandy Beach Road where trees have grown over the lines.
- ❖ Petersburg was awarded a Homeland Security grant of \$80,000.00 after submitting requests to fund multiple projects. Approved project will be announced later this month. Special thanks to Officer Randy Holmgrain for drafting and submitting grant applications.
- ❖ Chief Swihart will attend the FBI National Academy from Oct 6th – Dec 19th. Courses of study will focus on leadership, management and other command staff functions. Travel and training are provided tuition free.
- ❖ Cell #2 has leaking toilet/sink. We were unable to repair and we're researching a replacement.
- ❖ Tamico is currently driving/welding caps on the abutment piles on the Drive Down Facility Approach Dock. Things are moving forward on this project as the manufacturer and Tamico are in discussion with PND and Harbor Dept about potential changes to the schedule. Tamico is finding bedrock a few feet deeper than estimated as they drive piles towards the Narrows, which may result in the need to order more steel. We have offered some appropriate lengths of North Harbor leftover 16" pile to use, so will wait to have an exact amount to order until closer to completion. Estimate change order under \$20,000.
- ❖ Western Marine, PND Engineer & Borough Staff attended the Crane Dock Widening Project Pre-construction meeting on 8/21. PSA's have been posted as well as letters accompanying the billing cycle notifying the Fleet of the Crane Dock Facility shut – down September 15th – November 2nd. Please contact the Harbor Office with questions concerning access.
- ❖ On Monday 9/8, the Harbor received a call from one of the small cruise ships who reported they had hit and damaged the end of the Middle Harbor Float #1. Staff is working with the tour ship company to remedy the situation.
- ❖ Liz Cabrera is attending SE Conference in Wrangell Sept 16-17 and will be joining their Board of Directors next month, replacing Leo as he retires.
- ❖ Repair on the Scow Bay Launch Ramp was completed on Aug. 30th and the ramp is open for use.
- ❖ Liz is working with Carol Rushmore in Wrangell on cooperative marketing effort to promote our communities to travel writers/media outlets.
- ❖ EH window replacement tentatively scheduled to start next week.

- ❖ Coolers at EH need to be replaced along with the floor under them. Joe B. working on bid specifications for that project.
- ❖ Sandy taught a First Aid/CPR course for Public Works. Will be scheduling a couple of more classes for the Police Dept and Power & Light in the very near future.
- ❖ The library is accepting bids for a site preparation and “hardscaping” for the grounds of the facility. This includes landscape boulders, sidewalks, and rock walls. The bids are due by September 26.
- ❖ Our wifi usage at the Library hit an all time high in August/September. This was a discussion point with our computer vendor PCS. At some point the Borough may have to decide whether or not to restrict bandwidth or pay additional hardware and subscription fees to expand available services.
- ❖ The library will be closed on September 15 -16 for annual maintenance and cleaning.
- ❖ Shelter project is roofed and ready for use. Thanks to the Building department for their support on this roofing project, and all of the volunteers from the LDS church and the community who completed a day of service project at the park. There were over 40 people who attended.
- ❖ Whale Watching Observatory has received its last shipment of plants. Phase one is complete. Phase two will be budgeted for the next fiscal year. A great big thank you to Kathy Bracken and Sally Dwyer for their help raising funds for the additional plants at the park.
- ❖ Working on the columbarium grant and creating a plan for installation and design for the cement platform they will be installed on. RFP will be finished and out in the next couple of weeks.
- ❖ The public works crew has recently responded to two water breaks near Noseeum Street that caused water outages for most of the day. Karl is working on a plan to replace the failing asbestos cement pipe with new materials and abandon the pipe that is mostly inaccessible and would continue to fail in the future.
- ❖ Wastewater department has asked the PIA for permission to relocate one of their rotary composters to the treatment plant in order to compost sludge from our process.
- ❖ A sewer plug and overflow was found at Magill’s Trailer Park recently. It is unknown how long the leak was causing untreated sewage to impact the neighborhood. The public works office has been in contact with the property representatives and the overflow has been repaired. Karl will be contacting the property owner in the near future to request that he focus on a long term solution to his failing sewer system.
- ❖ I am working on a recycling survey for the community to gauge the success of the current blue bag program and seek input on possible changes or improvements to the program. I hope to get an online survey out to the public (via the website) for the month of October.
- ❖ The recent snow plow bids were rejected due to all bids being over budget. Chris Cotta has put together an alternate approach that will retain the old plow truck for a few years more and instead replace an existing flatbed crew truck with a heavier flatbed truck that will be capable of plowing the Papke’s area as well as carry more sand for traction control of that area. Original budget for this purchase was \$145,000. Current estimate for purchasing a chassis and other components through ADOT contract vendors sits at about \$83,000.
- ❖ The motor pool will be holding a public auction soon to sell various surplus pieces of equipment.