



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

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Administration

We continue performing the essential services we provide for the community with some new protocols implemented to protect the crew and community members. Working on procuring and ordering items we have on the CARES funding list. The current travel restrictions and quarantine guidelines that are in place to protect the community also make it difficult for contractors to perform business here. Hired a few employees to fill some positions in the Maintenance Department, Water/Wastewater Department, and Bulk Fuel Department. and should be performing interviews for the position in the Water/Wastewater Department soon. The Gentleman that we interviewed for the Public Works Manager position did not work out. The recent vehicle auction went well as all vehicles listed did sell. We had a couple employee pizza parties to show appreciation in absence of the usual all staff meetings and a couple sunshine holidays that were greatly appreciated.

Maintenance and Operation Division

Facility Maintenance Crew is busy with rehabs of houses, offices, and outbuildings. We will work on providing a list of these projects with more detail. Some projects are more complex than others, but they are working on crossing things off the list. We are currently not excepting residential work orders.

Motor Pool Division

Damon is back at work full time performing duties and tasks. They removed the engines from the two burn boxes in preparation to use the burn boxes in the future. Working on fabricating a fork attachment for the skid steer at the landfill in between the equipment maintenance requirements. Motor Pool is closed to the public and currently not accepting any work orders.

Bulk Fuel Utility

They had a recent replacement hire in the department to fill the vacant gas attendant position along with other duties. Had some bids come in on dispensing tank replacements which were much higher than we anticipated and are looking into that. Had to replace a faulty pump for the gas dispensing tank. The big news is the lower price for gas!



Electric Utility

We currently have a position posted for a power plant operator. The Streetlights have been replaced at this time to close out that grant requirement. They will work on replacing some of the old cement streetlight poles with new fiberglass poles soon. They have replaced the south dock lights and made some upgrades that will allow them to control lights as needed. Performed some lighting upgrades for the church that is becoming more evident now. Procured and compared stainless steel transformers and cabinet sectionalizers to steel and looks like we will be ordering stainless steel this time around. Researched and procured smart meter systems to see if that might be an avenue we want to go down.

Water/Sewer Utility

Michael Shane Baldwin filled the vacant position in this department and been learning the role as well as helping in other departments. They replaced seals in a pump at the lift station across from the staff quarters. We are working on getting some of the water samples done in Unalaska, they are certified by AK DEC to run the following Drinking Water Microbiology tests; Colilert for Total Coliform and E. coli, Membrane filtration for Fecal Coliform, and SimPlate for HPC. Other samples will still have to go to Anchorage, but this should help with our current transportation and mail situation.

Refuse Utility

We have placed an order for cart tippers for the refuse truck and are working on shipping logistics before placing an order on the carts. The hydraulic controls on the refuse truck are already starting to show their age for the four years it been here. Still have restricted self-haul procedures along with reducing those hours to Thursday and Friday afternoons. We are asking customers to not over stuff garbage bags and not fill cardboard boxes with trash to help prevent any mishaps to prevent the spread on Covid-19.