



## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **Reporting Period:**

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### **Administration**

We have hired a new Public Works Administrative Assistant, Benjamin Ezra Melovidov, who started January 18<sup>th</sup>. He went through orientation and is learning his way around. He has attended some training and still has more training in the future. He seems to be a good addition to the team. We have been using the new Bellwether ordering process since the second week of January. The Public Works crew seems to have learned the program quite fast and seems to be working without any glitches on our end. I am sure there was a lot of effort put in by the Finance Department with entering all the information needed for this system to be put into play. We had a good number of applicants for the Public Works Director Assistant position and performed one interview to date. Still waiting to hear from the others to see if they still want to proceed. Shannon has transferred from the Finance Department to the Motor Pool Department to assist them after training Ben Bourdukofsky to replace her in finance. We had a few not so routine repairs for the first month of the year, sewer issue at house #136, waterline main repair, and some power outages. The crew is busy with maintaining equipment and the infrastructure to provide electricity, water, sewer, refuse, and fuel sales and home deliveries to the community.

### **Maintenance and Operation Division**

The crew been busy with the rehab of 163B interior which is close to being finished. It has been updated with new kitchen counter tops, range, plumbing fixtures, bath, flooring, electrical and lighting upgrades, and paint. Performing upgrades to the jail/holding facility, city hall, well houses when the weather permits, installing automated plumbing fixtures, soap dispensers, and miscellaneous housing repairs, Loran Station checks, snow removal, and any maintenance as required. We had a sewer back up at house #136 and helped with the latest power outages. Snow removal and sanding has kept some of the guys very busy. We are currently not excepting residential work orders.

### **Motor Pool Division**

Shannon Mercurief has started working at the Motor Pool as the Administrative Assistant Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The guys are busy with maintenance on city equipment and helping with



the DOT and some of TDX's equipment for the runway duties. They been on call for snow removal and sanding. They assisted with water well motor and pump replacements, they assisted power plant and other city personnel with the latest power outages. Motor Pool is closed to the public and currently not accepting any work orders.

### **Bulk Fuel Utility**

The crew is ready and waiting for the fuel barge to arrive, it has been loaded and waiting for a weather window to make the delivery. They are still in Dutch Harbor as I write this report with no update. They perform snow/water removal when needed.

### **Electric Utility**

There has been an unscheduled power outage that damaged the switchgear down in the harbor area. The crew by-passed the harbor area to get power to the residents that night. This allowed for power delivery to most of the town and airport while the troubled area could be assessed. Plane days do limit when we could schedule power outages for repairs on the grid. Once the issue was confirmed and repairs were made the grid is now back to 100%. The transformer for generator #1 has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive 3/2/21 on AML, this should allow us to go between two generators without a power outage once in place. A couple of the guys are in an online operator 1 course that is going on through part of March. They have a crew member on call for snow removal as well.

### **Water/Sewer Utility**

There was a water main line break observed by our equipment operator out by the airport. Excavation and repairs made to get water back on as quickly as possible to provide water to the P.O.S.S. Camp and Weather Service Facilities. Unfortunately, water to the State Building and 2 fire hydrants on that leg are without service until materials arrive and conditions improve for the repairs. They perform snow removal to their buildings when needed.

### **Refuse Utility**

The demand of the crabbing season is giving them a full plate, Trident, dock pick-ups, more refuse from the other entities providing services to the fishing industry are keeping the guys busy. The "wheelie bins" are on the manifest for this upcoming Coastal Transportation Vessel and I am guessing will require some assembly and some other materials before they are placed into use. They perform snow removal at the landfill when needed.