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MEMORANDUM

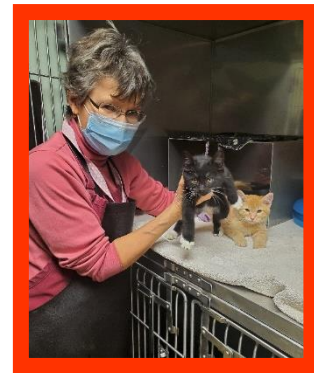
DATE: August 4, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Youth Shooting Range Update: The potential less than fair market value sale of Borough land to Alaska Scholastic Clay Target Program (AKSCTP) for the purposes of a youth shooting range is moving forward. Borough staff have performed multiple site visits to better understand the topography and general makeup of the property. To assure the property would meet the needs of the club, staff was accompanied by representatives from AKSCTP on one site visit. After walking the property, AKSCTP was very pleased with what they saw and indicated the land would meet the needs of the club.

Before the property can be conveyed to AKSCTP, it must be subdivided. Land and Resource Management staff is recommending the land be subdivided in a manner where a total of 200 acres from the 636-acre parcel could be conveyed to AKSCTP. Staff submitted a preliminary application to the Platting Department. Platting staff indicated the property can be subdivided through a 40-acre exemption process. This type of subdivision action is typically a faster process, costs less money, and does not have to go before the Platting Board, as the Platting Officer has the authority to approve the request. Land and Resource Management staff are working to contract for a contractor to perform the surveying and engineering requirements of the 40-acre exemption. Once the subdivision is approved, staff will begin the public process of the less than fair market value sale to AKSCTP. Before this request is presented to the Borough Assembly it will first go to the Planning Commission for introduction and public hearing. We anticipate having the related legislation before Assembly by the end of 2021.

FY2022 Approved Budget: The approved Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 has been posted to the Borough's website here: <https://transparency.matsugov.us/pages/financial-information>.

Animal Care Shelter Volunteers: The Animal Shelter volunteers are an incredible group of people dedicated to helping the animals, staff, and community. We have volunteers from 8 to 80 who give their time by walking dogs, socializing cats, feeding and cleaning bunny cages, doing mountains of laundry and dishes, fostering animals, answering phones, assisting our veterinary staff, helping with outreach events, and so much more. With volunteers pitching in, staff has time to focus on the animals' physical and medical needs as well as customer service.

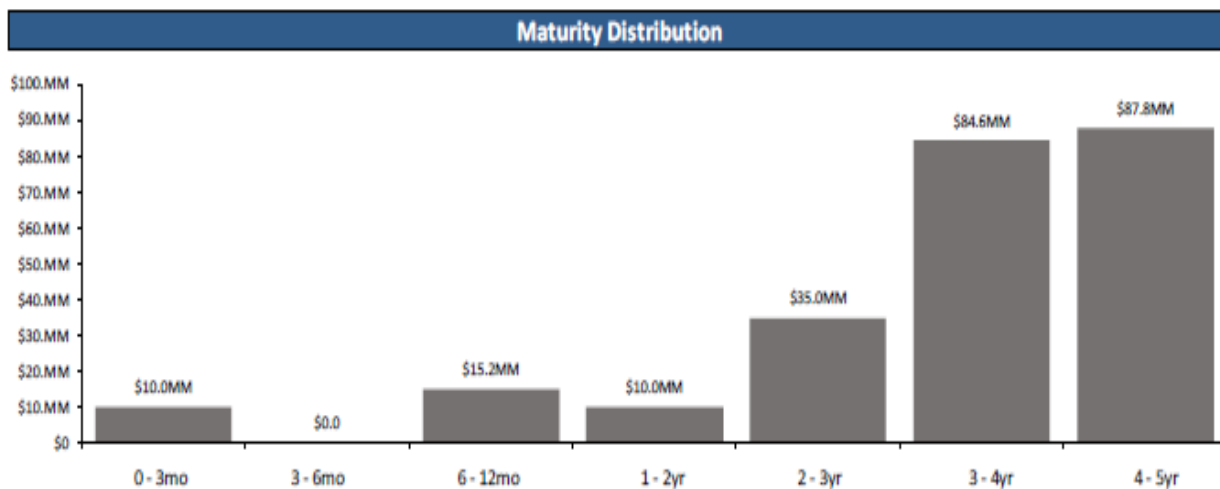


We are building back our volunteer base after Shelter COVID closures. Currently, 60 -70 people volunteer at the shelter monthly and at least 12 families foster animals in their homes for us. In the months of May and June, Shelter volunteers and foster volunteers provided over 1500 hours per month of service to the Shelter. We hope to be back to our pre-pandemic numbers by the end of the year.

We will be celebrating our volunteers with an appreciation party on Sunday, August 22, from 1pm - 3pm at the Shelter.

Investments Summary from 3/1/2021-6/30/2021:

- Total return for the last quarter was 0.15% with interest received of \$527,069.
- Average market value for our portfolio was \$258,880,038.
- Weighted average to maturity for non-callable bonds is 3.28 years and for callable bonds is 2.11 years.



NPI Lease Termination Inspection: NPI agreed to remove their property from the lease site at Port MacKenzie no later than August 1, 2021. This was agreed upon by both parties in the NPI Lease Termination Agreement dated April 21, 2021. In addition to the NPI property being removed from the site, NPI also agreed to cure the deficiencies listed in the Environmental Deficiency List, by August 1, 2021. The Borough sent an inspection team to the site on August 3, 2021, to determine if these conditions had been met.

During the site inspection we confirmed the vast majority of the smaller items were removed from the site and NPI stated they have hauled away 18 side-dump truckloads of scrap metal and materials. The remaining items are larger, bulkier items that may require a crane to remove. These heavier items include six of the nine wood chip trailers, four bulk product tippers, and one log debarker. Due to the fact NPI was actively working the site when the inspection team visited, we are permitting NPI another week to complete the tasks.

Also, it was noted during the site inspection that NPI has remediated over 80% of the items in the Environmental Deficiency List. As specified in the agreement, NPI has engaged Travis Petersen Environmental, Inc. to verify all remediation items have been completed and provide a report to the Borough by August 30, 2021.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Fisheries

- [*Representative Don Young floats bill to keep Alaskan fish wild – Intrafish*](#)

Economy

- [*MSCVB President/CEO receives highest honor in tourism industry for highest individual educational achievement. – Frontiersman*](#)
- [*Things looking up for last Alaska tourism – CNN travel*](#)
- [*Alaska inflation on the rise at a rate not seen in decades – ADN*](#)

Community

- [*GoFund Me Page created for Talkeetna firefighter who lost home to fire while responding to call – Frontiersman*](#)

COVID

- [*Mat-Su Minors provide vaccines at the ballpark – Frontiersman*](#)
- [*Alaska reports 751 cases of COVID as Statewide surge grows – ADN*](#)
- [*COVID is spiking but Alaskan leaders are not bringing back mandates – AK Public Radio*](#)

Future Events:

- Ribbon Cutting for Lake Louise Recreation Site, August 16, 2021 at 11:30am