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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Operations & Maintenance Division Equipment over 5,000 lbs.: Below is the equipment list requested by an Assembly Member during the August 1 Assembly meeting. This list does not include light-duty trucks, which may exceed 5,000 lbs., as the request was centered around construction-related equipment.

Year	Description
2004	Eqp 407 - Forklift
2017	Eqp 441 - Crack Sealer
2007	Eqp 449 - Compactor/Grid Roller
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2005	Eqp 451 - Infrared Patcher
2007	Eqp 452 - Infrared Patcher
2012	Eqp 467 - Chipper
2014	Eqp 472 - BobCat Loader (transferring to Talkeetna Sewer & Water)
2011	Eqp 480 - Backhoe
2016	Eqp 484 - TeleTruk
2015	Eqp 488 - Case Excavator
2016	Eqp 491 - Orange Hopper Asphalt Heater
2020	Eqp 495 - Case 580SN Backhoe (Talkeetna Sewer & Water)
2018	Eqp 455 - Scissor Lift
2020	Veh 47 - Freightliner Dump Bed Semi
2009	Veh 65 - Sterling Acterra Steam/Thaw Truck
2016	Veh 01 - Mack / Granite Steam/Thaw Truck
2004	Veh 30 - International Steam/Thaw Truck

Assembly Special Meeting, August 8 @ 6 p.m.: The Manager and staff will open the special meeting on community clean-up/derelict properties with introductions of community council members in attendance as well as Alaska State Trooper and State Department of Environmental Conservation staff who will be present to address questions regarding crime and

pollution/contamination as needed. We will use the attached graphic to describe the Borough's recent efforts to improve in this area. Our Development Services Manager will provide an overview of our compliance efforts and where we stand with open code compliance cases. We will then open it up for discussion as the Mayor and Assembly see fit. We have invited all community councils to attend and have asked for one representative from each community council who may like to speak on the topic to share different perspectives. See the summary of recent efforts, attached.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

West Su Access

- State to construct 15-mile public roadway in same area of controversial West Susitna Access project
Alaska News Source
- State shifts course on West Susitna access; will build shorter recreation road instead of 110-mile industrial road
Frontiersman

MSBSD

- Mat-Su teachers' union ratifies contract
Frontiersman

Opioid Remediation Funds

- MSB Assembly approves Opioid Remediation Funds allocations and preliminary distribution methods
Alaska Public Media

Forest health

- Spruce beetles' expansion into Denali poses questions about future changes in the forest
Alaska Public Media

Community

- Mat-Su Animal Shelter hosting adoption event this weekend
Alaska's News Source

Top July Facebook Posts

- Fish Creek Dip Netting – July 28
Reach: 74,510 / Reactions: 491 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 188
- ISE Harmony arrives at Port Mac -July 16
Reach: 49,329 / Reactions: 711 positive, 64 negative / Shares: 85 *
- Settlers Bay Coastal Park Ribbon Cutting -July 22
Reach: 39,783/ Reactions: 808 positive, 1 negative / Shares: 76
- Susitna Dip Netting -July 30
Reach: 32,001 / Reactions: 241 positive, 1 negative / Shares: 26
- Offloading of Salt begins at Port Mac-July 30
Reach: 21,787 / Reactions: 202 positive, 22 negative / Shares: 18 *

Total followers 26,543 / New followers 175 / Unfollows 0

*Negative comments relate to DOT using salt on the roads

Community Clean-up

Recent Efforts



MSB Adopt-A-Road Program

In May 2023, the Borough Assembly established a Borough Adopt-a-Road program to assist in maintaining public-rights-of-way.

Tow Reimbursement

In May 2023, the Borough Assembly established a program to provide tow reimbursements to residents to incentivize the disposal of junk vehicles. This program will go into effect summer 2023.



Private Property Clean-up

The Borough has engaged in private property clean-ups in areas across the Borough in Butte, Williwaw, Big Lake, Matanuska Townsite, and Caswell over the past two years and budgeted \$100,000 for this purpose for this fiscal year.

Incentives

The Borough provides an annual Landfill disposal coupon. The coupon value was established at \$8 per resident. Next year's coupon will be increased to \$15 per resident or one cubic yard for transfer sites. Additionally, the Assembly waived landfill fees for residential customers from September 16-30, 2023.



Compliance

MSB Code 8.50: The accumulation of junk and trash is detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare, increases risks of environmental pollution and hazards, lowers property value, interferes with the rights of other people to enjoy their property, and harms the quality of life in the borough.



Community Involvement

Success ultimately will require community participation, e.g., adopt-a-road and community clean-up events. Borough staff is proposing a collaboration with community councils to assist in coordinating events that support local clean-up efforts.