

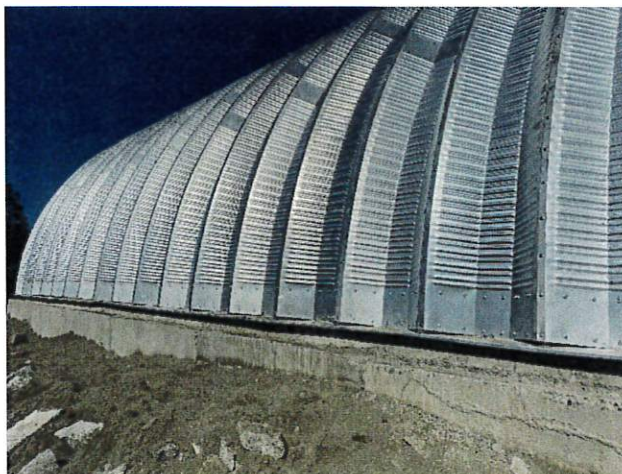


August 2023

I apologize for not being present at the council meeting as I am unable to due to attending my oldest daughter's wedding in the lower 48. The long planned trip fell during the same week as the council meeting so the new Public Works Clerk will be available to answer basic questions. We have a new Public Works Clerk, Monika Antill, who will be organizing and centralizing the Public Works filing systems so that electronic and paper records are easy to find. Monika has quickly learned our permitting process as she encounters various permit applications and has a system so that future permit applications move through the process in a timely manner with better accountability. This is proving to be a monumental task given that each previous Director and Clerk had their own unique filing methods.



The new Road Grader has allowed our operator to keep the roads maintained more efficiently without the mechanical problems that the old grader had. The goal is to have all the roads graded, as the weather allows, before the end of September. Roads cannot be graded if they are too wet so it is a very weather reliant project. Many roads will need more gravel, but that will have to wait until next year as we are short on time before the snow comes back.



A sand shed has been constructed to help keep the sand for the roads dry during the winter. This will help the workers spend more time sanding the roads instead of fighting big blocks of frozen sand that plug up the sand spreader stopping operations and wasting valuable time that could have been used spreading traction sand onto the roads.

Public Works Report:

- Grading operations continue as weather permits (We cannot grade in the rain or when there is too much moisture on the road).
- The old Grader is fixed and available to assist with snow removal or grading later.
- Public Works Clerk position has been filled.
- Over 70% of the city maintained roads have been graded, many required multiple passes which effectively doubled the miles of grading. All roads will be graded by the end of September unless we get rains that stop the process.
- Removed 2 junk/abandoned vehicles.
- New permit application tracking and filing system has been created so the old records are being migrated over as time allows.
- Some projects have been delayed as the crew built the sand shed.
- Code compliance violations are being identified and are being addressed on a right of way priority basis. Grading and soon to be snow removal operations are or will be affected by vehicles in the right of way.
- The old non-serviceable equipment and other large items are being moved to the annex to clean up the compound.
- Equipment maintenance intervals and a tracking system are being developed.
- An updated inventory list is being compiled.
- Code violation forwarded for legal review/action


Parks Report:

- The campground will close on September 5th.
- The Boy Scouts will be using the campground in late September and will do a final cleaning.
- The Trunk or Treat will be held there in October
- A fat tire bike race is being planned for this winter.

Permits Issued in August 2023

Type	Issued in August	Total Issued for 2023 to date
Construction Permit	1	18
Driveway Permit	5	18
Utility Permit	6	30
Conditional Use Permit	0	0
Land Use Amendment / Re-zone	0	0
Variance	0	0
Firewood cutting permits	0	0
Other/Matsu Borough	0	0
Junk & Trash & ROW Notices	0	24

Respectfully,



Jared Eison,
Public Works Director