

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JAN 24 General Meeting

- Scrap metal contamination issue – I checked with our insurance company about coverage for this incident: Here was there response:

I spoke with APEI in length about the situation and then they took several days to look over the policy, read language and consult with their team. Ultimately all the coverages for radioactive contamination is linked back to the property coverage. Therefore, a covered loss has to have occurred in order for the coverage to start responding.

Policy Language:

The Insurer shall be liable for direct loss or damage caused by sudden and accidental radioactive contamination, including resultant radiation damage from material used or stored or from processes conducted on the described premises, provided at the time of loss there is neither a nuclear reactor nor any new or used fuel on the described premises.

For example – if there was a fire at one of the covered buildings and that caused a radiation leak – then the policy would respond. I'm not sure I agree with that interpretation but have yet to contact them for more details.

I am waiting for one more contractor to give me a quote for disposal. If I don't hear from them in the next couple of days, I'm going to have to schedule with one of the other companies. It's going to be 5K with either of the other two companies.

- Airport Law Enforcement/TSA issue – I spoke again with Christopher Goins about the issue at the transportation meeting last Thursday. Basically, we are turning over a lot of rocks and not yet finding an acceptable solution. He did tell me that the ATOT and DPS Commissioners were supposed to meet with NPS but wasn't sure when. The ADOT commissioner's only priority at the moment is getting the STIP in order so the feds would approve it. In case you hadn't heard Federal DOT rejected Alaska's STIP, and they have two weeks to get it in order or Alaska will be SOL with their projects and the millions of federal funding that goes along with it. Senator Murkowski's staff apparently had a meeting scheduled with DOI people last week. I haven't heard the results of that meeting yet.
- We are still awaiting news on Defending Alaska Communities from Wildfire through Community Wildfire Protection Planning grant. (AML) is seeking funding behalf of several communities to create or update Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs).
- We received notification from State Emergency Management folks that we received funding to perform a cybersecurity assessment with us and 3 other rural villages. We were able to negotiate a lower price by having both us and Skagway, who have ATS as a managed service provider only have to have their part assessed once.
- We received our final reimbursement from the Grandpa's Farm Road project of \$17,800. This was an add on by USFW. Since there was money remaining in the grant, the work was done. It was just a huge hassle to get back signed on to their online reimbursement system.
- Mayor Owens and I reviewed and extensively edited Lexipole's grant narrative draft for the water tanker. Lexipole is a company who specializes in LE, Fire and Rescue, EMS and other safety concerns. Let's just say, in the future, we need an in-state company to help us with grants. Not folks, although well intended, haven't much of a clue about our geography or state demographics.
- Met with the wild foods harvest survey folks the day after the work session.
- Septic update: One trip has been made. Three trips remain to empty the tanks to ready them for this next summer's pumping schedule. Folks can email: gustavusseptic@gmail.com to get on their list.

- Continued to work with Mayor Owens, Council Member Taylor, GVA and various business members on the borough petition issues. They plan to submit their own comments to the LBC. We have requested additional information regarding PILT but are still somewhat in the dark. I hope to get some additional information – assuming it exists- while I'm here in Juneau.
- I am currently at the Alaska Municipal League Winter Legislative Meeting in Juneau. This is an opportunity to bring forth our concerns, projects, funding requests and to set up meetings with legislators and other departments, if time, to discuss our community's needs.
- Worked with staff to update appropriate scoping documents.
- Met with a vendor to talk about machinery for pumping material at the gravel pit. Then another meeting to discuss a potential less expensive remedy to prolong the life of the gravel pits. A project scoping document will likely be forthcoming at some point for that.
- John Barry has received a letter from Fish and Game that we do not need a permit to reroute the ditch at the DRC for the balefill expansion. Now we need to move to a permit from Army Corps of Engineers.
- Other miscellaneous items?
- Questions or Concerns?