

MANAGER'S REPORT July 22, 2021

Fireworks & Waterfront – This past Saturday was a bit quieter on the waterfront than the prior weekend, but there was good music, pirates, a 3 D boat, a movie on a sail and other activities which drew a fair amount of people to Bucksport for a visit – and hopefully to patronize our local businesses!

Covid Funding 2020 - Reporting for use of the \$10,863.57 that we received in April 2020 that had to be utilized by 6/30/21 has been completed and filed with the appropriate federal agency. We tracked all expenditures that were eligible under the terms of that program – but the final reporting included significantly more information than that including staffing levels, patient numbers, revenues received from January 2019 forward – more than a year before the pandemic started. Reporting was required to be completed by July 31, 2021.

Recreation Updates – According to local Y Director Matt McInnis, the pool has been averaging 91 swimmers a day since it opened in June. 61 children participated in the first session of swimming lessons and 43 are registered so far for the second session that starts on July 27th. He reports that the addition of ice cream and popsicles as a concession have been a big hit as well. Varsity basketball coaches from RSU 25 are participating in a free basketball camp for kids in the community this week and 22 children have taken advantage of it. Bucksport Public Safety will be visiting the Y Summer camp program on August 3rd to do some show and tell for the campers. There are currently 97 campers enjoying summer camp, compared to 54 in 2020.

Worker's Compensation & Property & Casualty Insurance Dividends – I am pleased to report that we have received a total of \$8,281 in dividends from maintaining a good loss ratio and a good risk management program. It breaks down to \$4,214 for the Property & Casualty dividend and \$4,067 for the Worker's compensation dividend.

Bucksport Service Network – At today's Bucksport Service network meeting we discussed the 'Volunteer Fair' event with the idea that September or early October might be a good time to have it. Any ideas that the Council – or any community members – have about what might make it most successful are appreciated. In addition, the group discussed the role that Public Health Nursing is looking to play in a revitalized Thriving in Place program for Bucksport. We are making great progress in this effort thanks to all the partners who are 'filling the gaps'. The group also discussed the opioid/addiction matters as they relate to our region. The Bucksport Medical Center has a robust hybrid 'combination' medication/counseling program. Discussion centered around how best to 'connect' those in crisis encountered by law enforcement, HOME, etc. with the support and assistance needed, and how to make information more widely available about what programs exist and how they can be accessed.

Salt Lake City – I will be out of the office Wednesday and Thursday of next week for attendance at the conference in Salt Lake City where I will be part of a panel discussing local government response during the pandemic. I am looking forward to sharing Bucksport's 'story' and will do my best to represent the community.

American Rescue Plan Act – I would like to request a meeting of the Finance & Administration committee to discuss potential uses for the ARPA funds that the Town will be receiving either prior to the last meeting in August or the first meeting in September.

Remote Meeting Policy – Attached is a sample policy created by Maine Municipal that meets the requirements of the law, if there are no objections, I will put it on the next agenda for a first reading.