



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 07 April 2025**

- ❖ PMPL has received all grant funds through the DOE Section 243 Hydroelectric Efficiency Incentives program. \$2,815,428. This money was received into the Blind Slough capital project fund. Excess reserves in that fund were then transferred to the Scow Bay Generation project.
- ❖ PMPL is working on fine tuning the RFP for construction services for the Scow Bay Generation project. The 3.5 megawatt generator that was purchased last year is in storage in Texas until the utility is ready for it to be shipped to Petersburg. We are working with the design engineer on specifications for the generator transformer and switchgear to put that equipment out to bid as soon as possible.
- ❖ The PMPL rate study is progressing and helped with development of the FY26 budget. We are presently pulling historic billing data together so that it can be input into the rate model. This will help with rate design proposals to meet our departmental revenue requirements.
- ❖ PMPL has received word that the annual maintenance shutdown at Tyee Lake will start on, or very near, June 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Contractor schedules have pushed the agency to start the initial shutdown at Swan Lake this year, with Tyee following that work. PMPL will issue public service announcements when the schedule is confirmed, and the shutdown gets closer.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 8, at 6 PM the library is hosting a screening of *Free For All: The Public Library*, a PBS documentary. This special event, hosted by the Friends of Petersburg Libraries, will feature live music, refreshments, and time for engaging activities and conversation. Fun, interactive activities will also be available for children aged 3-8 in the Children's Room. This event is free and open to everyone.
- ❖ Parks and Rec will be hosting an American Red Cross training and recertification session for staff and outside groups from April 10-14. Consequently, there will be a few pool/swim closures during those days. Closures will be posted on Facebook and around the facility.
- ❖ Petersburg Rotary and Parks and Rec will be hosting our annual Sandy Beach Park Clean-up on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-1p in preparation for the Elks annual Easter egg hunt. Volunteers are always welcome! Please dress accordingly and contact Stephanie or Julie at Parks and Rec with any questions.
- ❖ Spring sand pickup continues. We are also washing streets and sidewalks to get things spruced up for the busy season. Street grading as weather permits.
- At Banana Point Boat Launch, the crew installed a small shelter that was repurposed from an old, unused ballfield dugout building. Parks-N-Rec donated the old structure which was then painted and rehabbed using materials that were surplus from past projects. The shelter installation was made with permission from ADNR and was the idea of the Streets crew. Thanks to this creative bit of thinking and coordination with the State, the community now has a covered shelter to use at Banana Point while waiting for water taxi

service to/from other islands.

- ❖ While at Banana Point, the crew also retrieved and tied off a breakwater boom that had come loose from its moorings.
- ❖ The local Motor Pool auction of surplus units resulted in the sale of one surplus SUV and one porta potty. Assistant Director Marohl is putting together an online auction for the 3 surplus PMPL line trucks that did not sell locally.
- ❖ Aaron is working with ADEC on renewal of the Borough's landfill permit, which expires this summer.
- ❖ Shawn conducted fire system inspections with Johnson Controls, who have the inspection contract for most Borough facilities.
- ❖ The biosolids disposal permit has been finalized and we are now permitted for disposing of composted solids at the landfill instead of depositing this material at the mud dump.
- ❖ The Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project is getting closer to construction, with work now scheduled to begin at end of April or early May. A coordination meeting will be held onsite the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> with Contractor and Borough representatives.
- ❖ Staff attended the annual spring meeting with the USCG Captain of the Port, Captain Stanley Fields, and fellow Borough department and waterways agency representatives. Topics included emergency response, homeland security, marine communication, tour ship activity, drug trafficking, cyber security and personal changes. The community appreciates the annual in-person information exchange with Sector Juneau & the 17<sup>th</sup> District Administration.
- ❖ Harbor passed the annual USCG Homeland Security Audit last week, in preparation for the upcoming tour season.
- ❖ Tour ship schedule has firmed up (94 stops) with the first stop on April 25.
- ❖ Glo was interviewed by Stephanie Hernandez McGavin, a student in the University of Washington's Master of Infrastructure Planning and Management studying local government capacity to manage formerly state-owned harbor infrastructure in Alaska.
- ❖ I received word from our federal lobbyist that funding from Denali may be pulled by the DOGE group. This could impact Scow Bay and Banana Point projects.
- ❖ Aaron worked with the school and local contractors to remove the emergency siren from the school roof. We will start looking for grant opportunities to replace the siren at a different location.
- ❖ The large increase in tariffs by the President will have an impact on next year's budget. Unfortunately, we do know the exact cost to the budget currently.
- ❖ Public Comments are being accepted by ADNR regarding the transfer of tidelands property at Papke's to the Borough.
- ❖ Some Borough staff will be working with IBEW on April 21-22 to negotiate proposed salary changes for IBEW employees.