



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 5 August 2024**

- ❖ We should be receiving our new time clock system this week for Assisted Living.
- ❖ Our Medicaid renewal is almost complete at Assisted Living.
- ❖ We have 1 swing shift and three overnight shifts to fill at Assisted Living.
- ❖ Derrick has been working with the state on emergency food supplies. We will not have to buy emergency food for the next 24 years and we don't have to buy water anymore as well. We will still have to get snacks every year, but this will save us thousands of dollars every year.
- ❖ Will be having a discussion with several residents at Assisted Living about moving. They need more of a specialty facility to properly take care of them.
- ❖ A reminder the diesel fuel adjustment charge has been calculated to be 1.3 cents per KWH for usage during the SEAPA maintenance shutdown in June. This adjustment was on the utility bills at the end of July.
- ❖ The annual Dam Safety Inspection with FERC engineers and our contracted Chief Dam Safety Engineer went well. No major issues were identified during the inspection.
- ❖ PMPL is working with Hammer and Wikan to update the electrical service to the hardware store.
- ❖ Erik Larson has started as PMPL's new Powerhouse Mechanic/Operator and is coming up to speed quickly. PMPL is fully staffed, and new operator training is ongoing.
- ❖ A reminder for water system customers to fill out the Lead Service Line Inventory survey that went out in the June utility bills. If customers have any questions, please contact the water department at 907-772-4760.
- ❖ Pumpstation 4 Force Main project – 95% Plans and Specifications have been received. We are scheduling a design review meeting with the engineering team prior to advertising for bids on the project. Must also complete property transfer deeds with the Swanson family.
- ❖ WW discharge permitting – EPA has not yet released the draft permit to the Borough.
- ❖ The library has received a \$10,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Since 2005, this grant has been awarded annually thanks to a partnership with the Petersburg Indian Association. The funds are used to purchase material for the library collection.

- ❖ Martin and crew are installing new fencing around the Green Field at the baseball complex. This project is replacing the existing fence in the backstop and dugout areas as well as installing fence around the outfield - which hasn't had fencing in many years. The Petersburg Little League received a grant that is paying for project materials, and Public Works is supplying the labor and equipment.
- ❖ We took delivery of the Borough's replacement hearse – a 2021 Chevrolet Suburban. In consultation with the local mortuary service provider, the Motor Pool crew is retrofitting the vehicle with a hearse hardware kit so it will be properly configured to serve in its new role .
- ❖ Due to ongoing misperceptions on recyclables, we have begun planning a public education campaign to help keep our customers and the general public informed about our local recycling program.
- ❖ Norton Corrosion inspected the cathodic protection system on our water storage tank. This is an annual inspection of the tank's corrosion protection system, and no major issues were noted.
- ❖ With fishing season well underway, the plant is producing approximately 1.7 million gallons of water per day. This is in line with normal mid-summer production levels of 1.5-2MGD and much less than the max production capability of the plant (4MGD).
- ❖ One of the two variable frequency drives (VFDs) at the Scow Bay One pump station failed. A new drive was ordered and repairs have been made. The failed drive will be sent out for possible rebuild and if rebuildable, will be retained as a spare.
- ❖ An EPA compliance officer conducted an inspection of the Wastewater Plant on July 29th. This is a routine inspection that takes place every 2-3 years and focuses on wastewater plant operations and testing. Although we do not have the results in hand, based on feedback from the compliance inspector we believe the inspection went well. Thanks to Wastewater Supervisor Justin Haley for keeping everything shipshape at the Wastewater plant!
- ❖ PD is scheduling community-based crisis response training. Training will be held in Petersburg on Mar 18th– 20th, 2025. The current plan is to invite all community partners so Law Enforcement, Dispatchers, Mental Health, School Counselors, hospital staff, local psychologists and others who would be first point of contacts or involved in assisting or identifying a person in crisis.
- ❖ We have been busy running our swim lessons for the past month with much appreciation from community
- ❖ We have several open positions at Parks & Rec. 2 Custodians and a grounds keeper. Hired a maintenance technician last week who will begin in a couple of weeks.
- ❖ There are still a few openings in our Youth Volleyball Camp! Stop in at Parks and Rec for more information and registration!
- ❖ Youth Basketball registration is open, but volunteers are still needed for coaching and refereeing! Small incentive for those interested! Practices begin first week of September. Check with Parks and Rec for more information.