



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 05 January 2026**

- ❖ Once the Assembly approves the Capital Project list and the Federal priorities list, the lists will be disseminated to our State and Federal lobbyists and entered into CAPSIS.
- ❖ PMPL Staff spent considerable time troubleshooting and repairing the Scow Bay #1 Generator after its digital controller failed. The unit is available for service currently, although additional adjustments to the remote operation of the generator is ongoing in coordination with our control consultant out of Juneau.
- ❖ During the cold weather PMPL shared responsibility for supporting the north end of the SEAPA system with Wrangell. When SEAPA's maximum generation output is exceeded by cold weather loads, both utilities take two-day shifts and monitor the north end loads to inject diesel generation as needed to keep all customers in power. The cooperation between PMPL, WMLP, SEAPA and KPU during these extreme events has been excellent.
- ❖ PMPL staff, with assistance from the Building Maintenance staff, continue to make progress on erecting the temporary Scow Bay Gen #2 shelter, as time dealing with weather-related electrical system issues allows.
- ❖ Steve Harbour is now transitioning to the Utility Director role. The overall responsibility for power and light will remain with Karl until the end of March, at which time Steve will assume full responsibility for PMPL. Karl will assist Steve as needed until his retirement in June.
- ❖ PMPL has completed end of year FERC reporting.
- ❖ For all residents who felt like 2025 was a rainy year, PMPL can confirm that the rain gauge at Crystal Lake recorded over 201" as of December 30th, with one day of rain left in the 2025 forecast. Although great for hydro power, we are hoping for a "normal" year of rainfall in 2026. Happy New Year!
- ❖ Upcoming EMT-1 class runs Mon, Wed, Fri Nights 6p-10p, and all day Sunday, from Jan 25th to March 16th. Students who complete the course will have a two-year AK Emt-1 license. The basic requirements are you must be 18 by course completion and pass a background check. Email ahankins@petersburgak.gov for more details.
- ❖ Aaron H is working on filling out the paperwork to receive the CDS funds granted to the Department for new SCBA equipment. The Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus is what Firefighters use to protect themselves from dangerous conditions and the FD's current fleet of SCBA's were set to expire in 2027. A huge thank you to Sen. Murkowski and her staff for this appropriation.
- ❖ A reminder to clear sidewalks and 3 ft around hydrants in your area. A huge thank you to those who are already doing so and more. Also, please make sure not to pile snow where it can block drainages. Also, in terms of clearing snow, please don't block any ground level electrical cabinets. PMPL moves snow away from switch cabinets that we need to access during a restoration process and unfortunately one of them was

filled up with concrete snow just hours after we had cleared it. If we can't open a switch cabinet, it affects our ability to open and close the switch during a restoration.

- ❖ Street Division Crews have been working hard to keep roads passable during recent snow and freezing temperatures, successfully maintaining community mobility.
- ❖ Motor Pool – Sam and Randy have efficiently handled increased fleet repairs caused by the weather and kept up with year–end inspections. They also coordinated with a technician who was in town to resolve issues with the crane truck and the water tank delivery truck, saving transportation costs.
- ❖ Water Plant operations remain stable. Blake has effectively served as Acting Supervisor during Mike Bell's absence. Water deliveries have been difficult due to weather, but crews are reaching as many customers as conditions allow.
- ❖ Wastewater Work on Pump Station 4 paused for the holidays and will resume after the new year. Flooding near AML overfilled Pump Station 2, but staff restored operations. Heavy rainfall increased plant output to 1.9 million gallons (normal: 350,000).
- ❖ Despite weather challenges, Sanitation staff maintained regular collection schedules with support from the Street Division. Baler operations continued without issues.
- ❖ Building Maintenance Provided strong support to the Street Division during peak workload and assisted PMPL with constructing the Scow Bay Gen #2 shelter, while continuing routine Borough building maintenance.
- ❖ Youth Volleyball registration has opened, season to start in January!
- ❖ We will be gearing up for swim lessons that will begin in February, with a swim placement assessment planned for Jan 27th.
- ❖ Indoor Triathlon on January 17th! Teams and individuals welcome! Sign up at Parks and Rec.
- ❖ During below-freezing temperatures, Borough Maintenance and Apex Refrigeration addressed a leaking circulating pump that helps provide heat to 24 apartments in Elderly Housing, keeping our residents safe and warm.
- ❖ A big thank you to both the Rotarians for providing Mt. View Manor residents with an annual Christmas party and Saint Catherine's Catholic Church for annual Christmas caroling!
- ❖ Assisted Living staff has been providing consistent, compassionate care to our residents, despite being short-staffed. If you are someone with a heart for our elders, please consider applying for a permanent or on-call position at Mt. View Manor.