



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 02 September 2025**

- ❖ The storm drain installation in the police parking lot has been completed.
- ❖ Trees and shrubs behind the police parking garage have been removed to prevent snow and ice buildup along the roofline.
- ❖ Public Works assisted the Water Department in finding and repairing a service line leak on Lake Street
- ❖ Aaron participated in a work session with PPD, ADF&G, and Defenders of Wildlife, among others, concerning human/bear interactions related to household garbage. This was a productive meeting resulting in some defined short- and long-term goals for this recurring annual problem.
- ❖ Boiler and compression tank inspections have been completed.
- ❖ HVAC compressors for the municipal building have arrived. Scheduling installation with Apex Refrigeration.
- ❖ Water production is slowly declining from peak production and we are averaging 1.3MGD.
- ❖ Work continues on the Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project. The wet well and valve vault have been set and we are waiting for the lids to arrive. Much of the forced main and gravity lines are in the ground and waiting to be pressure tested.
- ❖ Aaron and Justin are working with EPA representatives to find a solution to the broken outfall line. We are waiting to hear from ADEC on how those repairs should occur. We hope to have enough information to include this unexpected expenditure in the final reading of the Supplemental Budget Request.
- ❖ Justin and Dennis are installing caps on the 12" outhouse vent pipes in our recreation areas. This will eliminate hundreds of gallons of rainwater entering the wastewater stream each year.
- ❖ We have received the completed plans and project manual for the Banana Point Breakwater project from Harai & Associates. The project will be advertised throughout September with an anticipated bid opening on September 26th.
- ❖ We are in the final stages of procuring a new cargo van to replace Parks & Rec's #111. This replacement vehicle was approved in the FY26 budget.
- ❖ The new Scow Bay Generator arrived at AML on August 21st and made the August 22nd sailing to Petersburg. PMPL is working with Rock N Road Construction to help move the 133,000 lb generator to Borough property. A temporary shelter is being purchased to keep the generator warm and dry over the course of the winter.

- ❖ PMPL has received strong interest in the Scow Bay Generation design build RFP for design and construction of the generation building and installation and commissioning of the generator and ancillary equipment. The RFP closes on September 5th, at which time an evaluation committee at PMPL will score and rank the proposals to arrive at an award recommendation for the Assembly's consideration.
- ❖ PMPL issued an Invitation to Bid on the 11kV interior switchgear recently and will open bids on this component of the Scow Bay Generation project on September 25th.
- ❖ Progress is being made with the step-up transformer for the Scow Bay Generator project, with initial submittals being approved by our engineers for fabrication to start.
- ❖ The line crew continues to make progress on moving some customer electrical services underground that is near the Pump Station 4 project.
- ❖ PMPL Staff recently worked with a local diver to inspect the penstock intake and low-level outlet at Crystal Lake.
- ❖ Officers from the Petersburg Police Department, with assistance from the Alaska State Wildlife Troopers and the U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement, immediately responded to the school last week due to a threat. Out of an abundance of caution, the school was evacuated, and law enforcement conducted a thorough search of the premises. No suspect was located, and there is no current indication of an ongoing threat. Currently, the incident appears to have been a false report; however, the investigation remains active as officers work to identify the source of the call.
- ❖ Assisted Living dealt with a partial failure of the sprinkler system last week. Absolute Drain and others helped Borough maintenance staff to make repairs to the system.
- ❖ After a critical failure of the defrost panel in the Elderly Housing walk-in freezer, Apex Refrigeration worked overtime troubleshooting, Gold Streaking parts and got them back up and running.
- ❖ Absolute Drains completed 35 angle stop replacements in seven of our Elderly Housing apartments. They shut down water in the building, powered through and had us back online within four hours.
- ❖ Kenny is wrapping up an apartment flip of painting, closet organizers and basic maintenance in addition to new carpeting installed by Rick Kito and Absolute Drains transitioning another wall mount toilet to a floor mount toilet.
- ❖ The Borough has asked Mountain View food services if they would be able to supply dinners to residents at Assisted Living. The State Fire Marshall does not want meals cooked in the current facility at Assisted Living without a major upgrade.
- ❖ Staff and I worked on a small grant (\$75,000) that may help us with the Wastewater disinfectant requirement. Alaska Municipal League helped us with the grant application.