



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 02 March 2026**

- ❖ Liz and Glo had the opportunity to meet with the newly assigned BUILD project manager & Federal team for the Scow Bay project last week. The team is reviewing the project funding requirements and will populate a draft agreement that will outline the scope of the project, schedule and budget that will get finalized and obligate the funds for construction.
- ❖ Library passport services hours have expanded to 9–4, M–F.
- ❖ Recruitment is underway for a part-time Library Clerk.
- ❖ Upcoming programs at the library include Lego Club, Baby Raven Reads, Rainforest Writers, Yoga with Karen, presentations on heat pumps and a Petersburg Science Series presentation on landslides.
- ❖ McMillen Inc., the Borough's consultant who recently completed the Dam Breach Study on Crystal Lake Dam, has completed the analysis and report. Based upon much more accurate topographic information, and advanced computer modeling, the Consultant has determined that a flood from a dam break of Crystal Lake will not be as catastrophic as was modeled in 1985. McMillen has shown that there would be virtually no risk of loss of life at the hatchery or the homes of the hatchery employees. Further, with the existing dam breach alarms in place there is ample time for residents and employees to evacuate the area before the peak flood waters arrive. PMPL has forwarded the report and data to FERC with a letter requesting a review and reduction in the potential hazard classification from "high" to "low".
- ❖ Factory acceptance testing for the Scow Bay #2 step-up transformer took place on February 23- 26 at the vendor's factory in India. PMPL's inspector provided daily interim reports, and a final report of the overall testing effort is expected soon.
- ❖ PMPL recently had an Altec mechanic come to town for some warranty work on the line trucks.
- ❖ PMPL staff continues to train a new operator on the diesel power plant and hydro operations.
- ❖ Dawson Construction achieved 65% design on the Scow Bay #2 generator project in February and will have a 65% cost estimate by mid-March.
- ❖ PMPL has received a good level of interest in the Main Street Lighting project and looks forward to the bid opening on March 6th.
- ❖ PMPL has submitted the first project for DOE approval under the Tribal Grid Resiliency Grant program and is waiting for federal approvals. This project will focus on completing the local AMI metering deployment in Petersburg. Thanks to the Petersburg Indian Association for working with the Borough on this grant.

- ❖ PMPL is developing a set of “dashboard” metrics to share with the community, including system health, capacity/usage trends, and heating degree data to help illustrate various impacts on the average customer bill. We expect some or all this information to be available on our website in the near future. We will welcome feedback or suggestions from the Assembly and public when the information is publicly available.
- ❖ Welcomed a new permanent employee, Devon Guthrie, who has been hired as a Laborer in the Streets crew.
- ❖ The motor pool foreman has begun training the new mechanic trainee in motor pool operations and preventative maintenance procedures.
- ❖ We are actively recruiting a Sanitation Operator. No experience is required; CDL and training are provided. See the Borough website for additional details.
- ❖ Progress continues at Pump station 4; engineers from PND and Morris Engineering completed a site visit with pump and control inspections on February 17th.
- ❖ Staff recently improved the pumps at the Cabin Creek Pump Station, with help from Mattingly Electric.
- ❖ Laura Holder was hired for an open dispatch/corrections position.
- ❖ Chief Kerr conducted a question-and-answer session with First Bank regarding fraud prevention & awareness.
- ❖ Recently the PD has seen a rise in minor vehicle accidents due to snowfall. The PD wants to remind drivers to exercise caution.
- ❖ Assisted living has recently filled multiple positions including cook, custodian, and resident assistant. We are currently advertising for a second Employee Supervisor and on-call resident assistants.
- ❖ Assisted Living is enjoying the lively addition of four new residents and welcomes all friends, family members and volunteers to brighten our days.
- ❖ Elderly Housing’s cooler and freezer project is currently underway, with APEX Refrigeration starting to methodically disassemble and store the refrigeration panels.
- ❖ PVFD will begin hosting its Intro to Firefighting Class beginning Saturday, March 7th through April 18th. These classes will run every Saturday 8a-5p and is a great opportunity to learn the ins and outs of firefighting. Contact Chief Bird or Ryan Welde or call the station at 907-772-3355 for more information.
- ❖ Tim Koeneman will celebrate his 50th year in the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Dept in March, This is a major milestone and Tim is only the third person to do so. Please join us in congratulating him!
- ❖ There will be a port security meeting in the assembly chambers on April 15th at 9am.
- ❖ New gymnasium schedule posted on Facebook, website, and around the Community Center. Keep an eye out for added swim and gym time during Spring Break!