



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 21 July 2025**

- ❖ Harbor Parking is being enforced along Harbor Way and Middle, South Harbor and long term at Drive Down.
- ❖ Reminder to boaters of the no wake zone outside all 3 harbors and responsibilities for wake are on the owner/operator.
- ❖ Some welcome news regarding federal funding, USDOT has contacted us regarding the \$8.8 million RAISE (now known as BUILD) for the Scow Bay Haul-out project. We are scheduling a kickoff meeting with their grant management team for the week of July 28th. This is the agency's first step in the grant agreement development process.
- ❖ The final calculations for the fuel adjustment charge caused by the annual SEAPA shutdown and diesel plant run are complete. This year's adjustment will be 1.4 cents per kilowatt hour for every kilowatt hour that was used by customers on their June billing period. Thanks to all customers who conserved energy during the June billing period.
- ❖ A purchase order has been issued to GD Partners Inc. for supply of the step-up transformer for Scow Bay Generator #2.
- ❖ PMPL is working with Steelhead Enterprises to finalize the contract for the Scow Bay pole yard storage addition.
- ❖ PMPL underwent the annual Dam Safety Inspection at Crystal Lake Dam on July 15th.
- ❖ PMPL staff continue to gather GIS data points as schedules allow us to maintain forward progress on the utility maps. The process is continuing to go smoothly.
- ❖ Property tax bills were mailed on July 1st. Please let the finance office know if you did not receive a bill for your parcel.
- ❖ Utility and Harbor bills will be printed with a new statement format starting this month. An additional feature on the new statement will be a usage bar chart for electric and water showing the last 12 months of usage. We hope that customers find this information useful.
- ❖ Ken Painting has started to paint the Assisted Living facility

- ❖ Swimming lessons are happening, contact the front desk at Parks & Rec. or Scott Burt for more information.
- ❖ Lifeguard class August 21-24th, contact Scott Burt for more information.
- ❖ Summer Sprint Triathlon coming up on August 2nd! Contact the front desk or Scott Burt for more information.
- ❖ The Borough's grader is having transmission issues and is down for repairs while we sort out exactly what's wrong. Thanks to some quick work by Assistant Public Works Director Aaron Marohl, we were able to rent PIA's grader in order to get some grading done while we have the weather for it. Martin has been out grading streets this week with the PIA machine. Thanks to PIA for working with us to get a rental agreement put together on short notice!
- ❖ Martin and the Streets crew will be starting on dust control on Wednesday 7/16. We have a full tank of lignosite since we haven't had much call for dust control so far this season!
- ❖ Bear activity has picked up sharply in the last couple of weeks and we've had a lot of requests for bear straps to put on garbage cans. We had 75 straps on hand and are now out of stock, so have ordered more. We have also started a PSA and ads in the local paper to remind folks to keep garbage secured as required by the Borough code.
- ❖ The Building Maintenance crew is working on replacing some failing bird netting at the baler.
- ❖ Nathan Ajax was hired for the new Wastewater Operator position and started work on July 14th. This position was part of the approved FY26 Borough budget and is needed in order to accommodate all the additional testing requirements that are being incorporated into the Borough's new EPA wastewater discharge permit.
- ❖ The Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project has encountered another wrinkle: the sheet pile cofferdam for the new wet well installation began to buckle and caused construction to halt while the issue is being investigated. Project Engineer PND is working with contractor Rock-N-Road to identify a remedy. The contractor is planning to continue working on other portions of the project in the meantime.
- ❖ We are working on transitioning Public Works leadership. Assistant Director Marohl will be taking over as Director at the end of July as the current Director Cotta transitions out. The hiring process for Assistant Public Works Director is underway.
- ❖ Thank you to Senator Murkowski for the generous appropriation of \$225,000 for up-to-date SCBA tanks for our local fire department volunteers. This will allow our department to properly outfit the volunteers and keep them safe as they provide emergency services to our community.