



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 17 February 2026**

- ❖ The state of Alaska released its 2025 population estimate. Petersburg's population is 3,395, an increase of .98% or 33 new residents from the previous year.
- ❖ With the mild weather, the Streets Department is continuing the construction of a road to expansion cells at the landfill.
- ❖ We have accepted delivery of a new CAT 950 loader to replace unit 100 and have outfitted the new fleet truck #32 for Power and Light with snowplow attachments and related accessories.
- ❖ An overhead door specialist was contracted to address issues affecting multiple overhead doors throughout the borough.
- ❖ The Water Department, in coordination with the Streets Department, is repairing a water-main leak on Haugen Drive.
- ❖ Harbor Staff continue to work on tour ship calendar. After last meeting's announcement of the anticipated 107 stops for the 2026 tour ship calendar, Allen Marine came out with an announcement of the closure of their Alaskan Dream Cruises business and cancelled 22 Petersburg stops. The calendar now estimates 85.
- ❖ Glo has met with ACL & PETRO for their annual calendar review of shared use of the Port Dock the 2026 season will look much like last years with Petro and the Harbor splitting the ACL stops to spread out the impacts to both C Float and the face of the Petro Dock adjacent to the Port.
- ❖ We had a good turnout for USCG Dockside Exams last week. Thank you to the safety inspectors that annually come to town prior to the tanner opening to perform the 40 + February dockside exams and our very own Desi Burrell who is part of the local CG Auxiliary and trained examiner.
- ❖ Glo and Liz spent time last week with Kristine Gilson, the Director of Technical Reviews for USDOT's MARAD division at an on-site visit and review of the EA (Environmental Assessment) for the Scow Bay Boatyard project. Also attending was environmental scientist, Danielle Schultz who is contracted through PND Engineers to acquire the permits for the BUILD grant program for final design and project construction execution.
- ❖ For the last couple of weeks Harbor maintenance has been chasing a waterline repair in the South Harbor. The twenty-year-old system has erosion issues which result in freshwater leakage. Maintenance was able to locate the failure where electrolysis had worn through the mainline connection. The Harbor located all the parts needed in town and with the help of Vern Craig from Silver Bay Seafoods was able to work with Mike Corl (who dropped everything) to fabricate the needed fix.

- ❖ Harbor also had 5 fenders piles replaced at the Crane Dock last week and ordered materials to replace the whalers on the outside of C Float this spring. Thank you to Rock N Road Construction for fitting the Harbor into their schedule.
- ❖ Factory acceptance testing for the Scow Bay #2 step-up transformer will take place on February 23- 26 PMPL is using a third-party inspection firm to witness the testing.
- ❖ PMPL appreciates the patience of our customers that were recently affected by a short, 10-minute, planned outage on our distribution system south of Scow Bay on Tuesday, February 10th. A danger tree needed to be removed from the line and cutting power was the safest way to ensure that the tree was removed and would not impact customers during the next windstorm.
- ❖ PMPL thanks Parks and Recreation for holding CPR/First Aid classes for our staff in February.
- ❖ PMPL recently took possession of a new crew truck after the motor pool checked it all out and installed a mount to re-use the department's existing snowplow. The old flatbed will be surrendered to the motor pool for auction.
- ❖ The line crew recently removed old power poles that are no longer needed near the Hungry Point work site.
- ❖ Assessment notices will be mailed at the end of the month. The second page of the assessment notice contains a timeline and information if a property owner wants to appeal their assessment. They will have until March 31st to do so.
- ❖ The New EMS Coordinator, Ryan Gilkey, started Wednesday.
- ❖ PVFD has received a new quote for a partial purchase of the replacement SCBA equipment. The remaining Tanks and masks will be deferred until next budget cycle.
- ❖ Ketchikan Mechanical has been onsite working on Elderly Housing's aging sprinkler system. They will be completing a replacement of main components soon.
- ❖ Three apartments in Assisted Living have new residents, with three more to be filled, soon.
- ❖ Mountain View Manor's ongoing budget preparations, AHFC Compliance review and HUD's OCAF rent adjustment paperwork are all currently being processed.
- ❖ The library was closed Monday through Thursday last week as staff worked on inventory and special projects. We reopened to the public on Friday.
- ❖ We are coming into the end of our youth volleyball program, thank you to coaches Chrystine Collison and Callie Bell for their work for another successful program!
- ❖ We have updated our passholders agreement. If you have not already, please stop by and sign for continued use of the Community Center.
- ❖ Jim Rehfeldt has finished his energy audit for the Community Center, completing the P&R portion of the DOE grant obtained in 2025.