



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 13 April 2026**

- ❖ Karl has been leading the team working with Dawson Construction after receiving the 65% design quote for the Scow Bay 2 Generator Project to review and understand its impact on our available budget. Efforts to reduce costs are ongoing but it is likely that the utility will need to request authorization from the Assembly and local voters to secure funding for completion of the project.
- ❖ PMPL has been working with AML to help prepare for the replacement of their transformer.
- ❖ The Main Street Lighting P.O. has been sent, and drawings are being reviewed for release to production. We anticipate receiving materials and beginning installation by late summer.
- ❖ Training of new operators has been progressing well leading up to the June 2026 SEAPA planned shutdown – this is why you can hear the plant's generators running on Wednesday mornings.
- ❖ David Mazzella is expected to finish his apprenticeship in less than a month, but we have had one of the other linemen submit their resignation. We will start the recruiting process in several weeks.
- ❖ With spring weather approaching, we are preparing for what looks to be a very busy season, including work on new subdivisions, upgrade projects, new construction, power line extensions, power plant improvements, and continued normal operations.
- ❖ Streets crew have completed refresher training and renewed certifications in Asbestos Abatement and HAZWOPER. Spring cleanup and street sweeping operations have commenced.
- ❖ Over the past two weeks, motor pool staff have focused on apprentice training, preventive maintenance, and minor repairs to snow removal equipment. Additional efforts include completing smaller projects, performing comprehensive equipment repairs, and converting plow equipment for aggregate handling in preparation for the upcoming construction season.
- ❖ The annual Household Hazardous Waste Event is tentatively scheduled for June 6–7. Residential customers will be eligible to dispose of up to 220 pounds of oil, paints, solvents, and related materials at no cost. Additional information will be provided as the event date approaches.
- ❖ Building Maintenance Staff have constructed and installed new display cases at the public library. A glycol pump supporting the library's heated sidewalk system has been replaced. Plumbing repairs at the jail have been completed.

- ❖ Wastewater Staff are completing lab painting, organization, and reconfiguration to accommodate new equipment. Progress at Pump Station 4 (PS4) has been impacted by weather conditions; however, key milestones have been achieved, including generator exhaust modifications, transfer switch commissioning, and establishing communication between the treatment plant and the pump station.
- ❖ Certificates of Approval to Operate the Dams have been received for the City Creek and Cabin Creek reservoirs. Design work for the new clear well is currently underway and progressing as planned.
- ❖ Library invites the Assembly and community to attend the Friends of Petersburg Libraries' 25th Anniversary Celebration on April 21, 2026, from 12:00–2:00 PM in the Helmi Jensen Community Room. The event will honor Don Nelson for his contributions to preserving local history and celebrate Chris Weiss's retirement after years of dedicated library service.
- ❖ Rock N Road has been working on the end of C Float replacing the outer whalers under the UHMW rub rail. Jimmy Martinsen reported that at each concrete panel the heavy wood whaler had cracked and broken he assumes from years of large wakes hitting that outer float and breaking down the swell to the inner harbor. R&R did similar work on the Petro float system at the same time last week and the Harbor is having him inspect the Kestrel Float for similar future maintenance.
- ❖ The Mayor, Manager and Harbormaster met with several members of the USCG who are developing a report on the location for the new buoy tender when it is available. We used the opportunity to discuss the future Scow Bay Harbor and the ability of the Borough to work through their needs.
- ❖ I have continued to work with our Federal lobbyist on the Borough's CDS requests. For FY 2027, the following CDS/CPF requests on behalf of the Borough have been submitted to Senator Murkowski and Rep. Begich – Hospital Long-Term Care Center Construction; Children's Center Construction; Army Corps General Investigations Scow Bay; Papke's Landing; and Cold Storage Facility Upgrades.
- ❖ Karl, Stephan Harbour and I met with Stephanie to go over the Aquatic Center sewer project. There continues to be concern on our part about the cost of the project and cost increases due to the complexity of the project. Stephanie is working with all parties involved in the bid to work out ways to reduce costs on the project.
- ❖ Harai & Associates has agreed to work with our staff on updating the Borough's Standard Specifications, which has not been reviewed since 2012. The mayor has requested us to start on the roads portion of the specifications if the Assembly approves the cost in the supplemental budget.
- ❖ Parks and Rec supported WAVE's promotion of Child Abuse Prevention Month with a special "Go Blue Skate Night" on April 10th!
- ❖ We would like to thank Rocky's Marine, Search and Rescue, and PVFD for their assistance with our Boating Safety Course on April 4th. I am co-instructing with Office of Boating Safety and AMSEA personnel to promote safe boating and handling emergency situations.