



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 16 June 2025**

- ❖ SCBA testing at the fire hall was performed on our remaining tanks. There are some that are still out of service. These tanks will need to be completely out of service by the end of 2027. SCBA Compressor maintenance was completed last week.
- ❖ PVFD, USCG and The USCG Aux will be conducting another “Flare Off” event, June 20th at the Scow Bay boat launch. The Coast Guard and Aux will be presenting information on the different styles of flares, and when to use them. PVFD will be assisting members of the public with deploying expired flares. This is a good event to bring your expired flares to for disposal and to teach boaters of all ages to be comfortable with signal flares. There will be gloves and safety glasses to wear during the event. For more information, contact the fire station at 772-3355.
- ❖ The Scow Bay burn tower had its floor removed to replace rotten floor joists. The rest of the tower remains in good condition. Staff and Director Hankins continue to work on finding a new location for the training apparatus so we can maximize the expansion of the Scow Bay Boat Yard.
- ❖ The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources has provided the Borough with \$12,000 in funding for this year's maintenance at the Ernie Haugen Public Use Area (Green's Camp, Wilson Creek and Banana Point). This will allow us to make some repairs to broken windows and doors, pump the outhouses and perform other minor upkeep. The Borough's 5-year cooperative maintenance agreement with the State is expiring this December so we have also begun work on the renewal of that agreement.
- ❖ The Streets crew is installing water and sewer service lines to the Borough-owned lot located at 1200 Lake Street.
- ❖ The Borough's HHW event was a big success – over 19,000 lbs of hazardous material was collected, packaged and sent out for disposal.
- ❖ Assistant Director Marohl has submitted the Borough's landfill permit renewal application to ADEC, and it is currently under review.
- ❖ The Water crew is working with RMC engineering to troubleshoot some issues with the Cabin Creek pump station variable frequency drives (VFDs). Water production is not affected.
- ❖ Progress on the Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project was halted after a report was received about an active eagle nest in the vicinity. The Borough, PND Engineers and Rock-N-Road are coordinating to modify the sequence of construction to allow the project to proceed while staying within federal requirements for working around eagle nesting sites. There will be some additional costs to the project related to the delay and the modification of work sequence. These will be brought to the Assembly in the form of a change order at a future meeting.

- ❖ Reminder to boaters of the no wake zone outside all 3 harbors and responsibilities for wake is on the owner/operator.
- ❖ Petersburg received two patent deeds from the State of Alaska as part of its municipal entitlement. One for 144 acres in Duncan Canal and the other for 33 acres at Cape Fanshaw. These parcels were approved for conveyance in 2021.
- ❖ We are in our second and last week of our closure at Parks & Rec.
- ❖ Parks and Rec will be hosting a swimming lesson assessment to get students into the proper class. Assessment and swimming lessons will be advertised soon. Please contact Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ July 2nd will be the Community Center Celebration! This year marks 20 years of countless memories created at our facility! Come by the Community Center between 5-7p to join the festivities!
- ❖ We are working on finishing up some maintenance at Assisted Living so we can move some residents down to the first floor. One double room is already taken by a married couple, and we are reviewing applications for another two-person occupancy room.
- ❖ The Assisted Living parking lot is finished. Big thank you to Public Works and Harai & Associates.
- ❖ Assisted Living is working with staff for additional training required on blood borne pathogens.
- ❖ The SEAPA north end maintenance shutdown started on June 10th and is scheduled to end on June 18th. PMPL customers are encouraged to conserve energy during the June billing period.
- ❖ PMPL issued an Invitation to Bid for the Scow Bay Generation transformer in May. The solicitation has generated a lot of interest, and it is hoped that competitive pricing and production schedules will result. The bid opening is scheduled for June 20th.
- ❖ Crystal Lake has been spilling due to heavy rainfall, despite the PMPL operators turning the hydro up to over 2000kW to take advantage of the excess water.
- ❖ Field collection for the GIS project will occur from June 16 – 27th. RDI will have two technicians in Petersburg to collect data and train our field crews on how to update the mapping data once the project is complete.
- ❖ Thanks to Senator Murkowski and Congressman Begich's offices for support of four of our capital projects. \$3.0M for the Hospital; \$2.0M for Banana Point; \$8.0M for the Wastewater Plant revisions; and \$300K for updated SCBA tanks for the fire department. This is one step closer to receiving the grants.
- ❖ The Clerk's office and I are working with other staff to recruit for several department head positions; Asst. Public Works Director (pending approval of the appointment of Aaron Marohl to the Director; and the PMPL Director position. Karl's last day will be July 1, 2026, and Chris leaves us in early September of 2025.
- ❖ I have forwarded a draft agreement to American Cruise Lines for their review and edits. Once we have an agreement in hand, it will go to the Assembly for their review and approval.