



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 18 August 2025**

- ❖ Thanks to Absolute Drains, both EH water tanks have new mixing valves and are working wonderfully.
- ❖ Southeast Windowcraft replaced the last six oversized windows in the stairwell of Elderly Housing. This has been a 10+ year project in upgrading all our original 1982 windows! They have done phenomenal job in their workmanship with minimal impact to our residents and operations!
- ❖ Volleyball Camp starting next week.
- ❖ Lifeguard course coming up Aug 22nd - 24th. Any interested people 15 years or older can contact Scott Burt for more info!
- ❖ School swim and dive team is already in the water!
- ❖ Staff will be attending a Water Safety webinar focusing on open-water risks and safety. Hosted by Safe Kids Worldwide, brought to us by the AK Office of Boating Safety.
- ❖ BDO will be in town with a group of auditors September 8 – 12th to perform the Borough's annual audit.
- ❖ The library will be closed Monday Sept 15 - Wednesday Sept 17 for the replacement of the windows.
- ❖ Painting fresh crosswalks around the school as weather permits.
- ❖ Installing a storm drain in the police parking lot to eliminate the buildup of winter ice
- ❖ Moved 400 yards of shot rock from the quarry to the PW yard to be used for future projects
- ❖ Replaced worn out rear differential on one of the Borough's two 5-yard dump trucks and removing the wing blade from the grader prior to shipping it to Juneau for repairs
- ❖ Garbage bears are still very active and we are continuing our public education campaign to encourage folks to keep garbage secured, as required by Borough code. We also have bear straps for garbage cans back in stock at Public Works. These are available to Sanitation customers free, upon request.
- ❖ Traffic at the baling facility is high, with lots of garbage being generated by the Harbors and fish processors.
- ❖ Replaced the floor joists for lower level of PVFD's burn tower and working on templates to replace broken outhouse windows with Lexan, a more cost-effective solution

- ❖ Replacing bird netting above the scale at Sanitation
- ❖ Rick Braun completed the monument survey at the Cabin Creek dam
- ❖ Nordic Diving completed the dive inspection and cleaning of intakes and bypasses on both dams.
- ❖ Work continues on the Pump Station 4 and Force Main Upgrade project. Excavation inside the cofferdam cell is progressing as they weld in walers to reinforce the structure. The wet well is scheduled to be set early next week. Some manholes and pipe have been installed along the corridor.
- ❖ Staff and PCS are working to identify and repair communication failures between lift stations and the plant.
- ❖ The line crew will be scheduling isolated and limited power outages soon to address maintenance items on the distribution system. Public Service Announcements will be sent out, with direct notifications to affected customers, prior to the outages.
- ❖ The cooperative effort between the Crystal Lake Hatchery operator, SSRAA, and PMPL to install a second tailrace vent pipe was a success. The flow restriction caused by entrained air at higher turbine outputs has been resolved and the Total Dissolved Gas (TDG) was reduced. SSRAA is consulting with the owner of the hatchery (State of AK) to determine if steps to add more venting, or make other changes to the tailrace, would be appropriate to decrease the TDG levels further.
- ❖ PCS recently helped PMPL with installations of wireless access points at the hydro and Crystal Lake dam. This will improve communications dramatically at these facilities and allow for technical support access and wifi based phone calls in support of operations and safety considerations at the remote sites.
- ❖ PCS cleaned up the networking equipment in our control room and installed a new firewall that improves cyber security of our SCADA system.
- ❖ The new Scow Bay Generator was picked up by a contracted trucking company on August 12th. The unit will be trucked from Houston Texas to AML dock in Seattle over the course of a week. The unit will then be loaded onto an AML barge and start the trip to Petersburg. PMPL is working with Rock N Road Construction to help move the 133,000 lb generator to Borough property once it arrives. A temporary shelter is being purchased to protect the generator over the course of the winter.
- ❖ PMPL has issued a Request for Proposals for a design/build project to advance current 30% Scow Bay Generator facility plans to construction ready documents and then negotiate a construction price to build a permanent home for the generator. It is anticipated that once a contract has been awarded, engineering can proceed this fall and construction can start in the spring. Several contractors have shown interest in the project so far.
- ❖ PMPL has heard from Southeast Conference that the rollout of Alaska Heat Smart's ACES (Accelerating Clean Energy Savings) program in Petersburg is getting close to reality. Within the next 1-2 months, the ACES heat pump grant program will be available to Petersburg residents. It is important to note that any Petersburg household that is thinking about buying a heat pump should wait until this program rolls out before making a purchase. No retroactive grants are allowed by the program funding source.
- ❖ I met with representatives of American Cruise Lines last week to discuss the ongoing project.