



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 05 May 2025**

- ❖ First Bank has generously awarded the library a \$3,000 grant to support summer reading programs, continuing their tradition of being a valued funding partner for many years.
- ❖ The library's online Petersburg Newspaper Archive now includes full-color PDFs of the Petersburg Pilot from 2016-2023. Thanks to the Pilot for making this valuable resource freely available to all.
- ❖ The SEAPA shutdown is scheduled for June 10-19 this year. PMPL customers are encouraged to plan for conservation of energy during the June billing period. The less power being used means less diesel burning and a lower overall fuel adjustment charge in July. Staff are preparing for the shutdown. New operators are getting weekly training sessions, and our mechanic is making sure all aspects of the engines are ready to go.
- ❖ PMPL is making progress on the Scow Bay Generation project. We hope to issue a purchase order for project switch gear soon, as well as an Invitation to Bid on the transformer.
- ❖ PMPL continues to work with PIA regarding a Dept of Energy grant and we received good news that the initial \$271,824 of funding is available. The department will be proposing some projects to PIA's Tribal Council to use the funds on and moving forward as approvals from the tribe and the funding source are received.
- ❖ Crystal Lake is free of ice and its water level is on the rise. The hydro will be pushing out 2MW or more for the foreseeable future so that we don't end up spilling as the snowpack melts.
- ❖ The GIS project to convert utility mapping to a geodatabase format is moving forward. Resource Data Inc, a GIS support company, has been hired to convert existing map data to the new format and will be on the ground with Borough staff in June for two weeks to verify and collect infrastructure data so the mapping is as accurate as possible after the conversion.
- ❖ Spring maintenance is in full swing. Harbor Crew is asking that customers make sure they remove personal items from finger floats prior to departure from their stall or harbor staff will clear fingers in preparation for summer hot-berthing.
- ❖ Launch permits are available at the Harbor Office, annual renewal is June 1st. Also, Middle/North Harbor parking permits are available at the Harbor Office.
- ❖ Reminder for dog owners that frequent the Harbors:
 - 1) PLEASE keep dogs on leashes - Harbor Staff is getting numerous complaints about overly excited dogs jumping up on individuals and harassing pedestrians.
 - 2) Clean up after your dog. The Harbor provides buckets on the floats for dog owners to wash up after their animals, use them!

- ❖ As spring arrives, the Harbor Department is noticing increased wake issues. Please report incidents immediately, so the Harbor Staff can involve the PD to aid in ordinance enforcement.
- ❖ Remind permanent stall holders to update their lease agreements. The new ordinance requirement for vessels to leave the harbor for 24 hours during the calendar year is getting monitored and will be enforced starting Jan 1, 2026.
- ❖ Spring sand pickup continues. Street washing has slowed down due to problems with our wash truck. We are still using it on a limited basis, but instrumentation / control issues have cropped up that require attention. We have a technician coming to town the weekend of May 9-10 to hopefully get this fixed and get our street washing program back on track.
- ❖ With Little Norway festival coming up, we are starting our annual spruce-up downtown: cleaning garbage cans and hydrants; and painting curbs and crosswalks as weather permits. We are also going to paint the new crosswalk at Sandy Beach Park for the Raven's Roost Trail crossing.
- ❖ The online auctions for the surplus Power & Light line trucks and bucket truck have generated some interest but only one unit has gotten bids to date. The auctions close on May 5th. Any units that don't sell will likely be re-listed.
- ❖ Water staff inspected Cabin Creek Reservoir and are working to remove the annual winter accumulation of logs near the spillway.
- ❖ Water production is going up as spring progresses. We are at about 900K gallons per day presently, which is about half of what we expect to see in mid-to-late summer as fish processing reaches its peak water consumption.
- ❖ We were able to get the water heater changed out thanks to Absolute Drain. We are also working on the painting needs for the Assisted Living building.
- ❖ The PVFD Association held it's annual "Family Fun Day" event on 4/27. It was well attended. Thank you to Hammer and Wikan, Petersburg IGA, and Coastal Bear for their donations to help make this event a success, and as always thank you to the public for your support and the volunteers who helped run this event.
- ❖ Aaron H met with Airport officials and Officer Kerr reviewing the Airport Emergency plans.
- ❖ The EMS and Search and Rescue branches will be conducting a joint drill with the Harbor Security Boat on 5/21 at the South Harbor Boat launch late in the evening.
- ❖ Governor Dunleavy as proclaimed May 3rd-9th "Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week and May 18th-24th "EMS Week.
- ❖ We have had several promotions in our officer ranks. Congratulations to Math Lichenstein – EMS lieutenant, Bjorn Stolpe - SAR Captain, and Alex Rodriguez-Smith – SAR Lieutenant.

Last, but not least, we congratulate and thank Debbie Thompson for her many years of dedicated service to the former City, and for the Borough. Debbie will be greatly missed but we are happy that she will be able to relax closer to her family. Thanks for all that you've done for the Borough departments and our community. All the best to you in your retirement!