



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 20 January 2026**

- ❖ Borough had a second dive at the outfall pipe for the Wastewater plant to gather remaining data for our contracted engineer. HDR is working on design and bid documents that will enable us to move forward with the repairs to the outfall line.
- ❖ We have maintenance staff assisting the streets division at the Manor to prepare rooms for new tenants.
- ❖ Motor Pool is performing year-end fleet inspections and troubleshooting diesel fuel pump issues with Mattingly Electric. We are currently advertising for an open mechanic position.
- ❖ With recent rainfall totals, we observed elevated levels of organics in the water from the Cabin Creek Reservoir which the plant successfully treated using standard protocols.
- ❖ During a recent period of extreme cold, the Clearwell had to be drained to repair several pinhole leaks, highlighting its deteriorating condition and the urgent need for replacement. When the Clearwell is offline, the Baler loses access to both domestic and fire suppression water, creating a significant operational risk.
- ❖ PMPL staff has completed erecting the temporary Scow Bay Gen #2 shelter and has installed heaters and lights in the enclosure. The generator is protected and will be ready for construction in summer of 2026.
- ❖ Dawson Construction and EPS are moving forward on initial value engineering concepts for the Scow Bay Generator #2 building. 65% design is scheduled to be completed by the end of February.
- ❖ PMPL Staff recently assisted Parks and Recreation and Mattingly Electric to help troubleshoot and access the breakers at the Aquatic Center.
- ❖ Crystal Lake is full and spilling due to the rain on snow and warm temperatures. The department continues to maximize output of the Blind Slough Hydro with the plentiful water.
- ❖ Glo wants to recognize her entire staff who worked hard this last month keeping up with the snow removal and communicating well with boat owners and boat watchers. It really paid off well with minimal issues concerning boat sinkings and damage to the facility.
- ❖ The library has expanded passport service hours to better meet community demand; current information is available at psglib.org/passports.
- ❖ Library staff are preparing for the annual inventory closure, scheduled for February 9–12.
- ❖ Preparing grant applications for 2026 projects at the library, including a new library website, a self-checkout kiosk, and library collection materials.

- ❖ Power and Light had some water coming into the crew room during the first big meltdown, but staff was able to shovel built up snow and ice to channel the water away. No damage done to the concrete floor in the building.
- ❖ A small entry awning at the Scow Bay storage building was “detached” by a large slide of snow in December. We’ll install a gable awning in the spring to help avoid this in the future.
- ❖ The Fire Hall had water intrusions that affected two bedrooms, the Fire Marshal’s office and a little bit of the communications room. This was due to an ice dam that allowed water to get under the tin of the compound roof. The damage was mostly directed to the carpet and ceiling tiles, with anything of importance being spared.
- ❖ We continue to have a long-standing issue with the garage doors in the apparatus bay (The springs and cables generally are the problem, but two doors are showing issues with the motors.) Also, we do have issues with the building foundation settling, which causes the sheetrock to crack in places.
- ❖ PVFD has an EMT-1 Class scheduled for Jan 25th-March 16th. Interested persons should email Aaron Hankins at Ahankins@petersburgak.gov or call the station at 907-772-3355.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation would like to thank Darby Mattingly and Power & Light for their assistance with the Aquatic Center power outage! The Aquatic Center outage was a result of excessive water draining from the roof onto electrical panels below, saturating the main breaker. A new breaker will be purchased as a backup and an awning built over the panel to reduce chances of happening again.
- ❖ Parks and Recreation will host a Drill Conductor course, in partnership with AMSEA (Alaska Marine Safety Education Association) on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 8a - 7p. Register on AMSEA website, stop by Parks and Rec or speak to Stephanie Payne for more information. Course is free to commercial fishermen and is a USCG approved training requirement for commercial vessels.
- ❖ There will be a swim assessment for youth swim lessons at the Aquatic Center on Tuesday, January 27th during Parent/Tot swim at 6:30p. Check with Parks and Rec for more information.
- ❖ Need First Aid certification? Contact Stephanie Payne at Parks and Recreation to get scheduled for a course.
- ❖ The Police Department continues to have recurring water intrusion issues when snow starts melting on the Borough roof. We have a leak that drips into the area between Dispatch and Booking. The PD will continue to work with Building Maintenance to find a potential solution.
- ❖ The PD has been asked by an Assembly member to address local vehicle headlight/taillight concerns. The PD is addressing the issue through traffic stops and warnings. If the issue is not corrected, the next stop results in a citation. Officers have recently had difficulty conducting traffic stops due to the amount of snow along the roadway edges limiting safe turnaround options.
- ❖ Petersburg Police Department does fingerprinting for several businesses in the community to include childcare locations. As a reminder, Petersburg did try a couple of years ago to be a location where people can get their fingerprinting done for TSA precheck, SIDA badging and other services but were declined by the federal government entity that approves locations. Their reason was that Juneau and Wrangell already provide these services.