



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 17 March 2025**

- ❖ There are still a couple seats available in the Crisis Response Team training which is being held March 18-20 from 8am-5pm in the Borough Assembly chambers. Contact Chief Kerr for availability.
- ❖ Annual/Pre-REAC/NSPIRE apartment inspections at Elderly Housing were completed and Kenny has been working on the normal touch-up and maintenance issues that come from those.
- ❖ Fire Marshal Welde and the Fire Officers have been conducting our annual Intro to Firefighting course. This course prepares new recruits to be able to respond to fire calls and takes place Saturdays 8-5 at the fire hall. Please speak with a fire officer or call the station if you are interested, it is never too late to join.
- ❖ The Division of Forestry and Fire protection has issued a Burn Permit requirement for the whole of Southeast due to low snowpack and the forecast for “Drought Conditions”. Fire permits for service area one can be applied for on the borough website. For areas outside SA1, you will need to file a permit with the AK Dept of Forestry and Fire. For more information about the state permit, please go to forestry.alaska.gov or call 907-761-6230. This takes effect 3/17/2025.
- ❖ There were some recent problems with batteries in one of the ambulances that left it dead at the manor. Thank you to Sam Hoschar for a quick turn around and bringing it back into service.
- ❖ There will be a port security meeting with the USCG, the Borough and its partners April 2nd at 9am in the assembly chambers.
- ❖ Airport Badging for the EMS crew members has begun with the Airport DOT crew. While we are transitioning to this new system, there may be some delays when executing Medivacs.
- ❖ PVFD is aiming to have its Family Fun Day event in late April. If you would like to walk through the station and see all the equipment, please keep an eye out for future advertisements.
- ❖ Getting greenhouse ready for seed planting
- ❖ Scott is working to get swimming lessons scheduled for spring
- ❖ Conducting First Aid/CPR/AED for Library staff on March 24th
- ❖ PMPL got word the submitted reports for the Section 243 grant were accepted and that we were approved to issue project specific invoicing for Blind Slough Hydro. Invoicing for \$2.815M was submitted through the federal invoicing system on March 7th. Now we wait to see how long it will take to receive the funds.
- ❖ Karl met with EPS to restart progress on the Scow Bay Generation project following the good news about the Section 243 grant. The project engineer is working on specs for switchgear and the generator transformer so

PMPL can advertise for bids on equipment. An RFP for construction services will also be issued later this spring – pending receipt of the Section 243 funds.

- ❖ After some due diligence in evaluating other GIS products, the project team has decided to stick with using ESRI ArcGIS for the utility mapping and information system. A purchase order for additional licensing was sent to ESRI and the team will be focusing on receiving some training on the software and developing an RFP for infrastructure field inventories for electric, water and wastewater utilities.
- ❖ PMPL's two lineman apprentices recently flew to Fairbanks for their last intensive line school session. They will return to PMPL in May and will need to complete the remainder of their apprenticeship hours to achieve journeyman status in the trade –which will occur for both within the next 6-12 months.
- ❖ PMPL has received word that the annual maintenance shutdown at Tyee Lake will start on, or very near, June 10th this year. Contractor schedules have pushed the agency to start the initial shutdown at Swan Lake this year, with Tyee following that work. PMPL will issue public service announcements when the schedule is confirmed, and the shutdown gets closer.
- ❖ Karl is back in the office full time this week. Thanks to everyone for your support during my recovery!
- ❖ The Friends of Petersburg's Libraries will be holding a book sale on Saturday April 5 11am-1pm. Funds raised support the public library and school libraries.
- ❖ The library is hosting a silent auction featuring three paintings by Beth Flor to benefit the Library's Art Education Endowment. The artwork is currently on display in the library foyer and will be available for bidding through April 5.
- ❖ Sent all poa's the care plan for the residents at Assisted Living for them to review and sign.
- ❖ Spring clean-up of the winter's traction sand is underway. The sweeper and wash truck are out daily.
- ❖ We started sorting rock in the quarry for seasonal construction projects
- ❖ Used oil heaters are running great at the Baler, and we expect all the supply tanks to be empty on time and to be ready to accept the seasonal increase of used oil.
- ❖ Reservoirs are at capacity with recent rainfall totals. Some snowpack has been observed at higher elevations.
- ❖ The Draft Biosolids Permit has been received from the EPA. Justin is making a few edits this week. The permit will go into effect in July.
- ❖ We will be conducting some interviews this week for the Water/Wastewater Operator vacancy.
- ❖ Surplus vehicle/equipment sealed bid auction is live. Bids will be opened on March 28th at 1pm. Visit the Borough's website or Facebook page for more information.
- ❖ The Borough Manager was notified by THRHA of their interest in expanding the planned development at the Airport Subdivision to include additional lots. I am working on an amendment to our agreement to bring before the Assembly the first meeting in April. The amendment will include the development of an additional eleven lots.