



BALLOT PROPOSITION 4

WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



Proposition 4

Incur up to \$19.3 million in state loan funding for critical infrastructure projects over the next six years

Proposition 4 is essential for providing safe drinking water, preventing wastewater spills, and complying with state and federal regulations.

Key points:

- **Aging infrastructure:** Many portions of Petersburg's water and wastewater systems are at the end of their service life and need repairs or replacement.
- **Phased debt approach:** The debt will not be incurred all at once; each project will require separate Assembly approval.
- **Rate adjustments:** If projects are delayed, planned rate increases may be adjusted accordingly.
- **Financial strain:** Petersburg's small customer base means that the cost of these projects can be significant to each customer.
- **Grant seeking:** The borough will actively seek grants to reduce the necessary debt.
- **Rate study:** A new rate study will determine the additional revenue needed to cover debt service. A proposed rate structure has not been developed at this time.

Water Department projects seeking debt authorization:

- **Scow Bay Haulout and Washdown: \$100,000**
 - Extend an 8-inch water main to the washdown pad.
 - Partial funding from the Congressional Delegation.
 - No impact on water rates if use of Economic Development Fund is approved for debt service.
- **Rasmus Enge Bridge Water Main Loop: \$575,000**
 - Replace a dead-ended, ductile iron water main on the beach under the bridge.
 - Use newer, insulated, corrosion-resistant materials.
 - Relocate the main to open up improved water service possibilities.
 - Extend the main to connect with existing mains, creating a loop and improving service.
- **Distribution System Replacements: \$1,320,000**
 - Replace existing and failing asbestos cement water mains in Lake, Aaslaug, Valkyrie, and Fram Streets.
 - Install high-density polyethylene (HDPE) water mains.
 - Address the risk of water main blowouts.

- **Hammer Slough Water Main Replacement: \$480,000**
 - Replace an asbestos cement water main that crosses Hammer Slough.
 - Install a new HDPE water main with adequate bury depth and protection.
 - Address the risk of cross-connections and health hazards.
- **Cabin Creek Low Level Outlets: \$350,000**
 - Repair and replace corroded low-level outlets pipes at Cabin Creek Dam.
 - Prevent potential failure and ensure safe operation of the dam.
- **Sandy Beach Water Main Replacement: \$3,300,000**
 - Replace corroded ductile iron pipe with HDPE
 - Disturb as little asphalt as possible.
 - Mitigate future water main failures.

Wastewater Department projects seeking debt authorization:

- **Pump Station 3 Replacement: \$1,000,000**
 - Replace outdated and inefficient pumps at Pump Station 3.
 - Improve reliability and efficiency of wastewater pumping.
 - Reduce the risk of service interruptions and backflow.
- **Scow Bay Waterfront Pre-Treatment: \$3,200,000**
 - Install a washdown pad collection system, industrial pre-treatment system, lift station, and electrical connections for the Scow Bay haulout and washdown pad.
 - Partial funding from the Congressional Delegation.
 - No impact on wastewater rates if use of Economic Development Fund is approved for debt service.
- **WWTP Lab Upgrades: \$300,000**
 - Upgrade the wastewater treatment plant lab to meet increased testing requirements.
 - Improve efficiency and capacity of lab operations.
- **Collection System Upgrades: \$1,080,000**
 - Replace aging asbestos cement and PVC pipes in the wastewater collection system.
 - Improve the reliability and safety of the sewer system.
- **Skylark Pump Station Replacement: \$575,000**
 - Replace the pumps at Skylark pump station to handle increased flow and improve reliability.
 - Reduce the risk of wastewater backups and service interruptions.
- **Lumber Street Pump Station Upgrades: \$350,000**
 - Replace the steel wet wells at three small pump stations.
 - Prevent leaks and raw wastewater releases into local sloughs.
- **WTP Effluent Disinfection: \$10,300,000**
 - Install a disinfection system to meet new federal and state discharge permit requirements.
 - Reduce the amount of fecal coliform and enterococcus bacteria released into Frederick Sound.
 - Significant cost and large impact on wastewater rates.

PETERSBURG BOROUGH MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTING DAY IS OCTOBER 1, 2024



ELECTION DAY

The polls for the election will be open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 1, 2024 in the Activity Room of the Parks & Rec Community Center.



ABSENTEE VOTING

In Person: Weekdays Wednesday, September 11, 2024 through Friday, September 27, 2024 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the training room on the first floor of the municipal building.

By Mail: Available by completing the Absentee Voting by Mail Request Form and returning it to the Clerk's office. You can also call the Clerk's office at 907-772-5404 to request a ballot by mail.

By Email: Voters will need to submit the Absentee Ballot by Electronic Submission Application available at <https://bit.ly/3X9Myxn>

Voters wishing to receive an absentee ballot by mail or email must make request to the Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

QUESTIONS?

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