

## Petersburg Future Planning

In an effort to facilitate gathering information from the community on ways to reduce costs and/or increase revenues, I am suggesting the Borough host a series of “open houses”. These informal events would be for the public and staff to provide ideas on ways in which the Borough could reduce costs or increase revenues.

I would recommend the following approach:

Conduct three open house type events for the public over the span of a month in January. Leading up to these, we would advertise the events, and encourage participation of the community. We would also set up an email address [Petersburgplan@petersburgak.gov](mailto:Petersburgplan@petersburgak.gov) for folks to send their ideas in if they could not attend a meeting.

We would also conduct similar meetings for existing Borough employees to provide their ideas on this subject. The combined list of ideas would be researched, impacts documented, and presented to the Assembly for prioritization.

### Timeline

Advertise meetings - Nov. – Dec.

Conduct meetings (and manage email submissions) - January

Build list of suggestions - February

Research Impacts of implementation of suggestions - February

Publish results to the Public - February

Assembly to prioritize items from the list - March

Hold Public Hearings with the Assembly - March - April

Schedule Implementation of those ideas approved by the Assembly

**(advertisement for local media)**

## **Planning for the Future**

**Petersburg Community**

The Petersburg Borough will be hosting a series of open houses to allow community members to identify areas where the Borough could reduce expenses or increase revenues. As State and Federal resources decline, we understand our community will need to step up and plan for our own future in ways that may not be how we have done it before. Please take the time and join us at one of these informal meetings to discuss your ideas.

### **Meeting Dates:**

**January 3, 2018, Noon- 2:00 pm**

**January 18, 2018, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**January 27, 2018, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**All events to be held at the Borough Assembly Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Municipal Building**

**Meeting format will be informal with Borough Staff available to answer questions if necessary. Participants will be invited to post their ideas on flip charts located throughout the room. Very informal, and hopefully a non-stress environment!**

**If you cannot attend the meeting, you can also submit your ideas electronically through email at [Petersburgplan@petersburgak.gov](mailto:Petersburgplan@petersburgak.gov) All ideas must come with contact information so staff can follow up with any questions that may develop.**

**All submitted ideas will be reviewed by the Assembly, the appropriate Department Head and discussed at Public Meetings to be scheduled in March & April prior to any implementation.**