



**Borough Manager's Report  
Assembly Meeting 03 April 2017**

As a change of pace, I asked the Department Heads to give me some items they are proud or excited about now.

- ❖ Power & Light has purchased replacement poles for the large banners. We're working with Public Works and PD to finalize locations. Existing poles will be utilized until the new units are installed.
- ❖ The Power & Light Building Remodel project is expected to go out for bids next week.
- ❖ A big thank you from Power & Light to Sandy and the Fire Department for helping us complete our required first aid/CPR training.
- ❖ For the PD, it is all about the building! It's been a long, LONG, REALLY *LONG* time coming, but worth the wait. We appreciate the efforts of those who worked so hard to make it possible
- ❖ Very thankful for the new folks at the PD and Dispatch. It's so very hard to find people who are qualified to do these jobs, at any price, in any location. We do have a pretty supportive community and we really appreciate that.
- ❖ Thanks to our long-term staff in the PD. We are a 15-person department with five people in training and a sixth person whose training was just completed a few weeks ago. The officers and dispatchers have done incredible work, piling up overtime without complaint, and supporting each other heroically. It has been very hard and the strain on all of our people is very real. We are all ready to breathe a sigh of relief sometime this summer when new folks start working solo.
- ❖ Chandra is proud of her staff at Parks & Rec. Everyone has been working hard and together as a team.
- ❖ The Children's Health Fair is on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm. The pool will have "Mini Lifeguard" stations for elementary school aged children to participate in lifeguard skills in and out of the water.
- ❖ Ducky Dive will be Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm. Geared towards children 12 and under, this event offers lunch by the Emblem Club, prizes and an open swim.
- ❖ We will be posting and sending notice of the impending demolition of the dangerous, burned out building in the Island Mobile Home Park next week. No definite date yet, but likely to perform the demo during the week of April 10-14<sup>th</sup>. So nice to know we are able to help get this area cleaned up.
- ❖ The petition process for the Paving LID has begun. Information packets and petitions were sent out to seven neighborhoods on March 24<sup>th</sup> with petitions due back to the Borough Clerk by April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Have had some positive feedback as well as the submission of two signatures so far. Whether a neighborhood takes advantage or not, it is nice to know we have a system in place where folks can

work together on projects that benefit them directly.

- ❖ The Harbor is very proud of the positive relationship they have with the local fleet and customer base and the reputation Petersburg has amongst the visiting public.
- ❖ All the recent Harbor Facility & community upgrades and comments from the users praising the benefits they recognize.
- ❖ Wonderful to see how the Borough staff has come together to deal with recent unexpected health/family issues in different departments. We all work together so well.
- ❖ Liz is excited about the possibility of getting the land selection legislation through this year for the Borough.
- ❖ Special thanks and appreciation for Joe B.'s work overseeing the municipal building construction process with Marty and participating in the progress meetings.
- ❖ Efforts to streamline connection between our mapping system and the property tax database, which should result in more accurate information for mailings, assessments, ownership etc.
- ❖ Shelyn is very proud of the employees who work diligently day and night, working hard physically and mentally to fulfill our Mission at the Manor. "In partnership with our community provide a safe, secure, and caring environment offering services which support independence, dignity, choice, privacy, and meet the needs of all residents."
- ❖ Over the past 6 years, maintaining and improving the 30-year-old building at Elderly housing through the roof replacement, new carpets and paint throughout the common areas of the building, window replacement, hot water heater conversion, installation of handicapped showers, and many other smaller details that make this home for some wonderful people.
- ❖ So appreciative of the families who trust us with their loved ones, and are able to live their lives as family, not caregivers, and tell us how much they appreciate us.
- ❖ Sandy is most proud of the people who volunteer for the Fire Department providing Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Search and Rescue. They dedicate countless hours (without pay) away from their families, jobs, friends, etc. to train and respond to emergencies in and around Petersburg. Even though several our volunteers are less available, others have stepped up to help fill the void. Let us not forget the new batch of Firefighters currently taking classes.
- ❖ We are grateful for the improved fire department radio communications with the installation of a repeater and the new Police Department Dispatch Center.
- ❖ Jody is grateful for her amazing finance staff whom have moved locations twice in the past year, have been flexible in their time off requests, and who work hard for the Borough every day. It is so wonderful to work with people that are happy and motivated to do a great job for our community.
- ❖ Jody, and the rest of us in Admin/Finance really appreciate the public works staff who helped us move twice in the last year. Their cheerful attitude, during not so pleasant work, was very much appreciated.