



**Borough Manager's Report
Assembly Meeting 05 February 2018**

- ❖ I held the last of the three community meetings to discuss ways in which the Borough can decrease costs or increase revenue on Saturday. The final list of ideas and comments submitted from all three meetings and from email submissions was sent out to the Assembly earlier this week. A big thank you for all who attended.
- ❖ I will be asking our Department Heads to schedule a time to give a status report on their specific area(s) over several Assembly meetings. We will keep it to no more than two departments for each meeting. We believe these reports will be helpful to the public on their understanding of how things work in the Borough.
- ❖ We are finding it difficult to compete on both Dispatcher and Police Officer positions. It is now becoming more commonplace for City's and Borough's to offer hiring bonuses for certified Police Officers, and we are seeing starting wages increase. We shall see how this develops in the next several weeks.
- ❖ We have currently scheduled a mediation meeting with PMEA to see if this will help settle a new contract. At this time, the Borough has not received an updated list of demands from the Union, nor has the Borough gone beyond what the Assembly approved prior to starting the negotiations.
- ❖ The US Corps of Engineers has been working on the outline and organization for the South Harbor Dredge project. I signed the Project Management Plan last week which documents the project and clarifies everyone's responsibilities. Currently the team is developing their plan for obtaining initial bathymetric information of the South Harbor basin and figuring out exact boring hole location. We should hear back in early February when and how they want to approach this.
- ❖ The work is on schedule for the Power & Light remodel. Currently, the contractor has completed all framing, interior insulation, electrical and plumbing. Sheetrock has been hung and is in the process of being taped. Exterior vinyl siding is being removed and the exterior vapor barrier, insulation system and new siding and trim will be going up soon. The exterior stairs were completed recently as well. The project is on track for substantial completion by April 1 and final completion by May 1.
- ❖ During the startup process for the new 350 Generator, Borough staff noticed a cracked oil pan and loose coupling on the equipment. We have asked the vendor, Pacific Power to replace the generator end of the unit and provide a new oil pan. This will keep the backup generator off line until such time we receive the replacement equipment and we can schedule the vendor's technicians to come back to install everything and our engineer to provide final acceptance and commissioning of the unit.