MAYOR'S REPORT 2/4/20

This is my third Mayor's report and I am proud to report to accomplishments that have been achieved so far.

First, I have received several phone calls and have seen many posts on social media about the library, squad and fire department closing. These rumors are not true. I am a trustee of the library and an honorary member of the Phillipsburg Emergency Squad and have no intentions of closing them down. Whoever is spreading the rumors, it needs to stop now.

The war on garbage continues by working together. We have cleaned up approximately 100 plus properties in 30 days. Again, kudos to our dedicated DPW workers and inspections for their work and cooperation to achieve a cleaner town.

Last week Council President Piazza, Councilman Wyant, Town Attorney Rich Wenner and I met with the partners of Bridge Development for updates on the progress of the IR project. They stated they have a letter of intent to sign a lease with a major distributing beverage company to be named later. I would like to thank all involved with this project dating back to 2012. History continues in the making for jobs and prosperity for Phillipsburg and our residents.

I met with Dr. Troxell at the Phillipsburg High School to extend our lease with the Freeman school and the Andover Morris building until at least September 2021. Dr. Troxell will recommend doing this at the next school board meeting. Thank you Dr. Troxell for your full cooperation to work with the Town of Phillipsburg.

I also met with Freeholder James Kern III to help with transportation to Shoprite. He stated there is money in Warren County's budget to transport residents back and forth to tackle the problem. Thank you, Freeholder Kern for working together with the town of Phillipsburg

The Mayor's Office has decided with full cooperation of council to paint our recreation buildings garnet and gray. We will also be painting yellow on the blind spot curbs throughout the town. We are planning this for early spring.

Specs have been done for the demolition of 145-147 Mercer St. This is ready to go out for bids.

VanCleef Engineering has been instructed to work with Kevin Duddy and Warren County for the demolition of the Icehouse.

We met with the town Engineer about stormwater management plans and he will be making a presentation to council and residents soon.

Tomorrow, Mayor Sal Panto asked to meet with me to discuss inspection issues and other programs that may benefit our town.

Finally, I will be having frequent updates from Chief Stettner for a full and transparent Government.

Thank you everyone for the honor of allowing me to be your Mayor in The Town of Phillipsburg.

Respectfully Submitted, Todd M. Tersigni Mayor of Phillipsburg