

MAYOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 21, 2020

This is my second Mayor's report and I have positive information to report tonight.

First, I would like to say that we continue to clean up Phillipsburg. Seventy plus properties have been cleaned up. We are all getting positive remarks from many residents through Face Book, text messages and e-mails. Positive re-enforcement will drive me in a positive mode to continue the war on garbage.

Second: I want to propose to council a property management company ordinance for absentee landlords, bank owned properties, unoccupied properties etc. that live more than 10 miles away from Phillipsburg. This will give our residents a better quality of life and for the betterment of Phillipsburg. It will also make absentee landlords pay a management co. to control vermin and other problems that may occur. This will make landlords accountable for issues we face now. I need cooperation for inspections and my future property management inspector. I must say inspections are complying with the Mayor. I met with Mayor Sal Panto before I was sworn in that this is a solution for a better quality of life. We did not just shake hands, eat lunch and have a photo op. We both agreed on many things, but most of all we will work together.

Third: Last week Counsel President Piazza, Councilman Wyant and Engineer Shrek discussed a comprehensive road surfacing program. The roads that need surfacing must have sewer inspections before this can happen. I believe the bidding for this project goes out March 3rd. We must do this first because we can not dig up our new surfaces once they are in place and waste tax payer's money.

Fourth: The Firthtown Falcons will be saved. My Grandfather was one of the founders of this great organization, John R Coyle and Master sergeant in WW2 would be overjoyed. I wrestled and played baseball for Firthtown since 1969 share the same feelings and emotions. They are now under the towns umbrella. Town attorney Richard Wenner along with CFO Bob Merlo, Councilman Robert Fulper and Council President Randy Piazza all must be commended by working together and under the direction of our two new Coordinators, Matthew Scerbo and Darren Bodough we will make Firthtown a success. I believe all the people just mentioned truly care about the children and this youth organization now and

for generations to come. They will work with the recreation director and under my direction, the Mayor.

Fifth: Tonight, will begin the clean space campaign and potential redevelopment process for unfixable properties.

1. 85 Lewis St
2. 147-149 Mercer St (Fire Properties)
3. Ice House

These properties in my opinion need to be eliminate. I will target many other properties, I promise you that and we all know which ones they are

This Mayor and Council are working together, and the proof is all there.

In my closing, I want to thank you all again for allowing me the honor and privilege to be your Mayor of Phillipsburg.

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