

# MAYOR'S REPORT

## September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

I'd like to start by thanking and congratulating Aaron Coleman and all of his community partners and sponsors on the resounding success of the Railroad Festival and to pledge the Town's full cooperation in planning for next year. September 10<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful day for our town, especially downtown along Main Street where we saw increased foot traffic and many people from out of town enjoying the wonderful weather, the events, and patronizing our downtown businesses.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> I spoke at the dedication of the 9/11 memorial erected by Brothers Before Others. I thank Brothers Before Others for their beautification of the area as well as their commitment to honoring those lost to us now twenty-one years ago.

The parking meters and kiosks have been delivered and installation has begun in anticipation of the final passage of the revised parking ordinance makes parking regulations clear for residents, business owners and out of town visitors alike. These parking regulations will serve to ensure adequate parking and turnover rate for visitors coming into town and the businesses they patronize, maximizing opportunities for growing business downtown while also providing needed parking for residents and business owners as well.

The Warren Street project contractor has completed traffic striping, is installing signs and will continue to do minor punchlist work to close out the project. Aqua's contractor is finishing sidewalk restoration work on Warren Street associated with lead and galvanized service replacement which has been mandated by the state of New Jersey to be completed by 2030. Both Aqua and Elizabethtown Gas have been in constant contact with the Town to ensure quality and efficient work during their respective utility infrastructure upgrades which will benefit the Town of Phillipsburg for years to come.

Our new Business Administrator has been holding high level meetings with community groups, business leaders, our public utilities, the Phillipsburg School District, and other important partners who will be integral in moving our town forward in the coming years.

Finally, as some residents will already be aware, we are conducting smoke testing on the wastewater system in Hillcrest and moving on to Pursell Hill over the next two weeks. Notices will be posted prominently on the front doors of homes and business in the affected areas and the Warren County Communications Center has been notified that this testing will be taking place. Any residents with questions or concerns should contact the Department of Public Works or the Town Engineer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd M. Tersigni, Mayor