

MAYOR'S REPORT

December 20th, 2022

I am pleased to announce that work at Delaware Heights Park and Chambers Street Playground has been fully completed as we begin to close out the year. Progress continues to be made on Walters Park Pool and we look forward to a spring completion date on that project. I am also pleased to announce the award of \$3.3 million dollars in federal funds to the Town of Phillipsburg for the purposes of addressing ongoing problems with the wastewater treatment collection system. This is the largest grant that the Town of Phillipsburg has ever received and I appreciate the work that outgoing Congressman Tom Malinowski did to secure this funding and the fact that he kept his word to Phillipsburg, working in a bi-partisan manner. I wish him well in his future endeavors and I pledge to work closely with Congressman-Elect Tom Kean, Jr. on the pursuit of further federal funding to benefit our town. I'd also like to join Phillipsburg High School and the entire Phillipsburg community in honoring Mr. Tom Fisher whose nearly 50 years of service to the community as a teacher, coach and athletic director will be commemorated by the dedication of a basketball court in his name.

Tonight the UEZ will be presenting three excellent projects for Council's consideration and approval so that we may obtain approval from the state board. These projects include much needed funding for increased police details, increased parking opportunities for businesses, much needed updates and maintenance for our website, and cleaner streets.

Tonight I have asked Mr. William McWilliams to address Council about the desire for a skatepark in town and for him to discuss some of the concerns of the skateboarding community, but before I turn the floor over to him I'd like to take a moment to congratulate newly sworn State Senator Doug Steinhardt. Finally I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as well as a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd M. Tersigni, Mayor