

Good Evening

Tonight, I would like to report on my progress regarding the following issues:

**First**, I recently submitted a sample draft of my proposed anti-Nepotism ordinance. Council will be discussing this in the next work session and I will report back to the residents on our progress.

**Second**, I have been given a petition, signed by over 100 residents of Jacqueline Avenue, requesting that their road be a higher priority on the road repair list. Their road is just a mess and is seriously and dangerously in need of repaving.

**Third**, I want to present another petition to the Council from many of the Bridgeboro Road residents regarding the safety of their children. They address two issues; one, the need for a walkway between Creek Road and Nicholas Drive (over the bridge) and stepping up the enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit.

Both issues should increase the safety of the children who walk to and from school and are not bussed. The speed that motorists are currently driving is very dangerous for people who have to enter and exit from their driveways on Bridgeboro Road. Traffic often exceeds 45-50 miles an hour. I am requesting that we look into additional speed limit signs or to commission a traffic study to see if the speed limit needs to be lowered.

**Fourth**, some residents of Ashley Crossing have raised some serious concerns about the noise, lights and trash from some of the stores in Hartford Corners.

Specifically, they were asking if there was any way for the township to convince Lowes to curb the practice of making loudspeaker announcements all day long to the outdoor garden center. Maybe we could ask the Lowes management to either lower the volume in that area or reposition the loudspeaker to keep the sound from carrying into the neighborhood.

They also brought up the fact that delivery trucks arrive in the middle of the night or very early in the morning and idle their engines until the store opens in the morning. In our discussion with the management, we should ask them to stop this practice or have the trucks go to a designated area near the highway and away from the homes.

I have brought these issues to the attention of Jeff Hatcher our administrator, and he is currently addressing them.

I am not trying to paint Lowes in a bad light. Lowes may not even be aware of these problems. I think that we need to contact them and I have confidence that they will address these issues for us.

**Fifth**, I have been asked numerous times for an update of the plans for the Route 130 corridor. The recent Burlington County Times article has sparked renewed interest and Bert and I have been communicating with each other so that I can get a handle on the plans for the corridor.

**Sixth**, we had a meeting with the residents of Bridgeboro Redevelopment Area a couple of weeks ago and I am very happy that we have begun to include the residents in the decision making process. If we can include our residents in this process before their lives are affected, I believe that this will help improve our ability to stay in touch with our neighbors.

**Seventh**, A couple of weeks ago my fellow council members attended the League of Municipalities convention down in Atlantic City.

Attendance at this convention was paid for by the Delran taxpayers. I am requesting that the council and department heads put together one detailed report on the seminars and courses attended and how the information will help Delran. I think it would be beneficial to see how this expense will help to manage township operations and expenses in a better and more efficient manner.

I did not attend this convention because in the weeks leading up to this convention, I received numerous invitations from engineering firms, law firms, etc. inviting me to cocktail parties, dinners and desert parties throughout the three days.

After receiving these invitations and talking with other Council members from other towns, I feel that this convention is nothing more than a networking event for political insiders. I hope that the report requested from the Delran officials that attended, will convince me that it is a worthwhile event that will benefit our town since it was at the expense of our taxpayers.

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**Finally**, on a lighter note, I want to remind everyone of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony with Santa on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM here at the municipal building.

Thank you.