



Democratic Council Accomplishments in 2016-2017

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You may have seen a large sign in the Borough stating that "Former Democratic Council Did: **NOTHING!**" There is also a mailer with similar accusations. These allegations are simply false. Normally I would shy away from partisan debate, but I was President of the Democratic council they refer to, and I feel the need to address these untrue allegations.

As background, Democrats were in control of Borough Council for just 17 months, from August 2016 to December 2017. In our short time in control of the Borough, we accomplished the following

DEMOCRATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Spending Control

- Managed spending to \$0.6M in 2017.
Spending under Republican rule has soared to \$1.1M, an increase of 87% since 2017!!

Open space fund

- Established the *first ever* open space fund in the Borough.
- The Republican Council has not put monies in this fund since it was established in 2017.

Ensured the financial stability of the fire company:

- Properly funded our fire company to ensure the Borough has a viable fire company.
The Republicans claim to support our fire company but they are once again riding the coattails of Democratic actions.

Launched communication efforts in the Borough:

- Launched the *first ever* Facebook account for the Borough.
- Established the *first ever* email service for the Borough (Constant Contact).
- Created a *first ever* brand and logo for the Borough. (The Republican Council in 2018 changed the logo in spite of strong resident opposition)
- Significantly enhanced the newsletter.
- The Communication committee on Borough Council has been able to exploit these "*first ever*" Democratic actions.

Tax rates/Borough Fund levels

The Republicans lowered taxes by token amounts over the last 2 years, just enough so they can lay claim to lower taxes.

- For example, in 2018, a \$200K home got a tax decrease of a mere \$20.
- Meanwhile, Borough funds have increased by more than \$700K since 2017.
This windfall is mostly the result of higher real estate transfer tax due to development and sales
- Borough residents should have been given much larger tax reductions based on the significant increase in Borough funds.

Also, a reminder that following the notorious approval of the Brookefield and Rosehill developments, three Democrats ran for office against incumbents who had not been challenged for many years. That action was what ultimately brought real change to the Borough. Please keep this in mind when you vote next Tuesday!