

Borough of Hellertown  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 16, 2019

- I. Call to Order – Thomas Rieger, 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge - All
- III. Roll Call – Cathy Hartranft

Earl Hill-	Present
James Hill-	Present
Andrew Hughes-	Present
Michael McKenna-	Present
Thomas Rieger-	Present
Gil Stauffer-	Present
Philip Weber-	Present
Mayor Heintzelman-	Present

Also in attendance were Michael Corriere, Barry Yonney, Cathy Hartranft, Angie Thiede, Tina Krasnansky, Bryan Smith, and Kris Russo. Chief Shupp was absent with prior notification.

- IV. Adoption of Meeting Agendum

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Philip Weber, to adopt the meeting agendum as written. Motion carried 7-0.

- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 1. December 2, 2019

Motion made by Gil Stauffer, seconded by Earl Hill, to approve the December 2, 2019, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0.

- VI. Courtesies of the Floor

- A. Pre-Scheduled Appearances- None

B. Agenda Items

Abraham Atiyeh, Saucon Valley Manor, spoke in support of the purchase of a new fire truck. Since they plan to build more units, it would be beneficial to have that type of vehicle in town to respond. He offered to contribute \$100,000.00 over 10 years toward the purchase. However, he would request naming rights to the vehicle.

Matt Brady, Riegelsville Fire Department, also spoke in favor of the purchase. He noted that it is very dangerous to rely on mutual aid during the daytime hours to make it in time. This type of vehicle would be perfect for a Borough like Hellertown.

C. Non-agenda Items- None

VII. Reports from Elected Officials

A. President

Mr. Rieger had only agenda items to discuss.

B. Mayor

Mayor Heintzleman thanked Scout Troop 319 for singing and making cards for the residents of Saucon Manor.

The Hellertown Police Department and Pennsylvania State Police did a wonderful job handling the situation in Hellertown today.

Lastly, he thanked Mr. Hughes for his service to the community and wished all the residents and staff a happy holiday season.

C. Council- None

VIII. Reports from Appointed Officials

A. Treasurer

1. November 2019 Treasurer's Report
2. November 2019 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Motion made by Philip Weber, seconded by Michael McKenna, to receive the November 2019 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Engineer

Mr. Smith had only agenda items to discuss.

C. Solicitor

Mr. Corriere had only agenda items to discuss.

D. Manager

Mrs. Hartranft had only agenda items to discuss.

E. Chief of Police

1. Monthly Report

Chief Shupp wasn't present for the meeting and will provide his report at a later date.

F. Public Works Director

1. Monthly Report

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Gil Stauffer, to receive the Public Works Monthly Report and make a part of these minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Yonney- I attended a meeting with UGI to discuss the road paving schedule for 2020.

G. Zoning/Codes Officer

1. Monthly Report

Motion made by Philip Weber, seconded by Michael McKenna, to receive the Zoning/Code Enforcement Monthly Report and make a part of these minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

H. Fire Chief

1. Authorization to Advertise for Sale of 2006 KME Predator
2. Authorization to Purchase Fire Truck

Mr. Rieger- Since the last meeting, Borough Council has received many emails and additional information which will be made part of these minutes.

Chief Maguire- There have been no changes in the finance plan since the last meeting. I spoke with the interested party for the KME and, if he is the winning bidder, has agreed to provide a contract and a \$10,000.00 deposit. The contract will allow us to use the KME until the new truck is delivered. Until that time, the KME will be used as secondary response.

Gerry Malone- I was a Chief of Dewey fire company for a number of years and was instrumental in obtaining the last ladder truck. It was necessary then and it is necessary now.

Mr. Rieger noted that the last ladder truck was retired prior to the purchase of the KME. Council has never received a comment regarding the need for a ladder truck on any of the new development plans. Several trucks have been purchased since and none of them have been ladder trucks.

Earl Hill spent time going around the Borough looking at the buildings that we have now and does see a need for the ladder truck.

Mr. Weber would like to wait two more years for the purchase.

Jenny McKenna felt that if there is a need for the vehicle, the Borough should finance a portion of the purchase rather than wiping out the entire fund.

Mr. Hughes- The typical new construction home burns in only three to four minutes. Therefore, we do not have the time to rely on mutual aid. My research of the Lower Saucon Township DCED report outlined criteria for vehicles to be replaced. I am not thrilled with the financing plan but not having this type of vehicle is not worth the risk.

Motion made by Gil Stauffer, seconded by Earl Hill, to approve the purchase of the new fire quint ladder truck.

Roll Call:

Earl Hill-	Yes
James Hill-	Yes
Andrew Hughes-	Yes
Michael McKenna-	No
Thomas Rieger-	No
Gil Stauffer-	Yes
Philip Weber-	Yes

Motion carried 5-2.

Mr. Rieger- There will be shortage of \$66,000.00 in the fund if the purchase order is issued immediately.

Chief Maguire- There is a fund balance of \$79,000.00 if we would need to move it to the Capital Fund.

Mr. Rieger- To cover operating expenses for the beginning of the year, \$25,000.00 must stay in the fund balance.

Council decided that the full purchase will come out of the General Fund Balance since it is a multi-year purchase.

Motion made by Philip Weber, seconded by Andrew Hughes, to not sell the KME until the fire company takes possession of the new apparatus. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Dewey Fire Company 2017 Audit- Council Action

Vicki Delmore- The Auditor have all the information for the 2018 Audit but have not issued the report yet.

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Philip Weber, to accept the 2017 Dewey Fire Company Audit. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Emergency Management- None

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Dewey Fire Company Land Development Preliminary/Final Plan- Council Action

Mr. Smith- The Dewey Fire Company submitted a plan to install a pole building for additional storage. The Planning Commission has recommended approval. The fire company has agreed to install a vegetative buffer. They would like to waive the preliminary plan. An Improvements Agreement will need to be written. Approval would need to be contingent upon conditions set forth in the November 5, 2019, Engineer's Letter.

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by James Hill, to waive the requirement for a preliminary plan and make this a final plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by James Hill, to approve the plan contingent upon the conditions set forth in the November 5, 2019, Engineer's Letter. Motion carried 7-0.

X. New Business

1. Outstanding Obligations- Approval of Payments

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Gil Stauffer, to approve the payments. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Adoption of Resolution 19-21, COLA Increase for Robert Balum, Steven Hanner, Dwight Nuss, and Ronald Patten- Council Action

Mr. Corriere- The cost of living increase would be 1.6 percent for 2020.

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Andrew Hughes, to adopt Resolution 19-21. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Escrow Reduction for 1233 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue- Council Action

Mr. Smith- This project was a three lot subdivision. One house remained and two new construction homes were built. The Borough would retain 15 percent throughout the maintenance period. The escrow reduction would be \$23,802.06.

Motion made by Philip Weber, seconded by Gil Stauffer, to reduce the escrow to 15 percent. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Consent Agenda

- i. Approval of Service Contract from Joshua Tree for Dimmick Park
- ii. Approval of Service Contract from Joshua Tree for Pool
- iii. Approval of Service Contract from Joshua Tree for Borough Hall
- iv. Approval of Service Contract from Joshua Tree for Water Street Park
- v. Approval of Special Event Request and Alcohol Waiver for Wings and Strings, July 25, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.- Council Action

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Philip Weber, to approve Joshua Tree contracts as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Philip Weber, to approve the Wings and Strings Special Event Request. Motion carried 7-0.

XI Announcements

Mr. Rieger thanked Mr. Hughes for his service to Council.

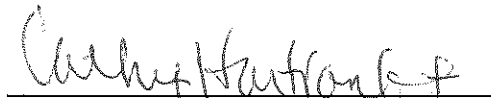
Borough Council and staff will be holding the annual Reorganization Dinner on January 6, 2020, immediately following the meeting. Everyone will be paying their own way for the dinner.

XII. Executive Session- None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Andrew Hughes, seconded by Earl Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Adopted by the Hellertown Borough Council this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2020.

  
Borough Secretary



**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2019**

**1 ACTIVITY COMPLETED**

- Continued Leaf Collection
- Installed Wreaths on Main Street
- Decorated Borough Hall and Plaza
- Weeded and Trimmed Borough Hall Trees and Bushes
- Decorated Band Shell and Built Christmas Tree
- Set Up for Light Up Night
- Cleaned Up After Light Up Night
- Shut Off Water To Water Fountains and Youth Sports Building
- Crew Went for Hearing Tests
- Installed Plows and Spreaders
- Loaded Trucks With Salt
- Serviced #3, #7, #9, #10, #12, #13
- Repaired And Cleaned Paver
- Installed New Bushes On Sweeper
- Repaired Outlet At Plaza

**2 OTHER**

- Cleaned All Outside Lights at Borough Hall
- Cleaned Shops and Lunch Room Weekly.
- Cleaned the Millrace
- Cleaned Catch Basins
- Cleaned Out Wash Bay Pit
- Swept Main and Misc. Streets.
- Filled Dog Waste Bags Weekly
- Cleaned Borough Hall
- Prepared For and Refurnished After Carpet Cleaning

**3 PROJECTS WORKED ON/COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH**

- Blacktopped and Seeded ADA Ramp At Dimmick Park

**4 MEETINGS**

- Council Meetings
- Budget Meetings
- Meeting With Mr. Smith on EV Charger

**5 OTHER**

- Emptied trash barrels on every twice per week
- Cut Grass At All Fields and Properties
- Clean and Stock Park Bathrooms Daily



# BOROUGH OF HELLERTOWN

Zoning and Codes Office

685 Main Street

Hellertown, Pennsylvania 18055-1745

Hellertownborough.org

610-838-7041 \* Fax 610-838-0500

## 2019 Monthly Report Nov 14-Dec 12

Local Permits Issued:	9
BIA Permits Issued:	6
Sidewalk Inspections:	7
Residential Rental Inspections:	0
Fire Inspections:	0
Service Requests/Complaints	25
Citations:	0
Planning Commission activity:	0 Fehr Alley: Land development-Tabled
ZHB activity:	None
Meetings/Classes attended:	2 Borough Council 0 Z.H.B. 1 Planning Commission 8.0 hrs Ethics Training 8.0 hrs Residential Code Training
Court Appearances:	0
Other Information:	NONE
Business Activity:	NONE

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FOR PERMITS ISSUED BETWEEN 11/14/2019 AND 12/12/2019

DATE PERMIT	PERMIT #	OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL	EST VALUE	
11/14/2019	Z-190546	HERCZEG, JEFFREY J And EVELYN	1543 RIEGEL ST	Q7NW2C-6-4D	\$4,000.00	\$75.00
	Zoning	Addition/Driveway				
11/14/2019	Z-190545	WILLIAMS, BRIAN And LEO P JR.,	55 E DEPOT ST	Q7SW2A-7-12	\$700.00	\$25.00
	Zoning	Shed				
11/14/2019	Z-190543	MARCOZZI, MARIO And ROSALIE,	0 FRONT(785 Front/50 Ham	Q7SW2D-3-16	\$7,500.00	\$100.00
	Zoning	Sidewalk				
11/14/2019	M-190544	,			\$0.00	\$200.00
	MobileFood	Mobile Food License				
11/20/2019	Y-190551	DIETRICH, THOMAS H And CHERIE	610 NORTHAMPTON ST	Q7SW2D-9-2C-	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Shade	Removal				
12/5/2019	Z-190565	BOWMAN, JON P. And JETTY, KIMB	136 NEW ST	Q7SW3D-3-6	\$1,500.00	\$50.00
	Zoning	Sidewalk				
12/5/2019	D-190564	NEW IMAGE ENTERPRISES LLC,	58 HESS AVE	Q7NW2D-11-6	\$0.00	\$75.00
	Dumpster	Dumpster Permit				
12/10/2019	Z-190571	HARING, CHRISTOPHER M And JUL	969 JUNIPER RD	Q7SE1D-2-15	\$1,900.00	\$50.00
	Zoning	Sidewalk				
12/10/2019	Z-190570	MUSCHLITZ, BENJAMIN F And SAN	103 BEECH CIR	Q7SE4D-6-3E	\$2,200.00	\$50.00
	Zoning	Sidewalk				

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS: 9  
 TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE: \$17,800.00  
 TOTAL PERMIT FEES: \$650.00

Summary by Type

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**FOR PERMITS ISSUED BETWEEN 11/14/2019 AND 12/12/2019**

DATE PERMIT	PERMIT #	OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL	EST VALUE	
11/14/2019	B-190547	HERCZEG, JEFFREY J And EVELYN	1543 RIEGEL ST	Q7NW2C-6-4D	\$4,000.00	\$229.50
	Build	Addition-Residential				
11/26/2019	F-190558	DIAZ, MOISES E,	1321 NEW JERSEY AVE	Q7NW3C-8-2	\$17,500.00	\$79.50
	Roof	Roof-Residential				
12/6/2019	F-190566	H And G REALTY INVESTMENT LLC,	631 MAIN ST	Q7SW2D-9-8	\$9,000.00	\$79.50
	Roof	Roof-Residential				
12/12/2019	M-190574	GILMAN, BEVERLY L c/o BEVERLY R	519 MAIN ST	Q7SW3A-3-3	\$13,363.00	\$74.50
	Mechanical	Replacement-Residential				
12/12/2019	F-190576	NEW IMAGE ENTERPRISES LLC,	58 HESS AVE	Q7NW2D-11-6	\$3,600.00	\$79.50
	Roof	Roof-Residential				
12/12/2019	F-190575	SCHUTZ, RICHARD L,	218 FRONT ST	Q7SW3A-5-2	\$7,700.00	\$79.50
	Roof	Roof-Residential				

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS:	6
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE:	\$55,163.00
TOTAL PERMIT FEES:	\$622.00

Summary by Type

2 Residential

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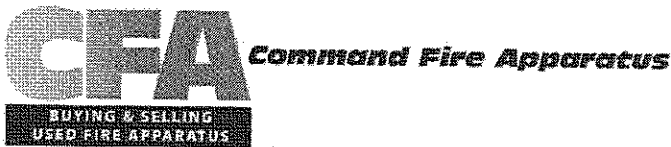
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DATE PERMIT	PERMIT #	OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PARCEL	EST VALUE	
11/14/2019	S-190548	KEMMERER, LLOYD A,	166 MAIN ST	Q7SW3D-2-4	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				
11/20/2019	S-190554	SECOND LV HOME LLC,	117 E HIGH ST	Q7NW3B-1-8	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				
11/20/2019	S-190553	TENTH LV HOMES LLC,	1021 1ST AVE	Q7SW2A-3-17	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				
11/20/2019	S-190552	ACKERMAN, FREDERICK C And DA	906 DETWEILER AVE	Q7SW2B-12-4	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				
11/26/2019	S-190560	KARDOS, JERRY J And VANVALKE	463 LOCUST RD	Q7SE1D-4-15	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				
12/2/2019	S-190562	ALBRIGHT, SUZANNE M,	851 ELM RD	Q7SE4A-11-3K	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				
12/6/2019	S-190569	CARPER, AUSTIN JOSEPH,	318 NORTHAMPTON ST	Q7SW3B-6-5	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Sidelnsp	Sidewalk And Curb Inspection Application				

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS: 7  
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE: \$0.00  
TOTAL PERMIT FEES: \$175.00

Summary by Type



Lancaster County PA  
~ A FIREFIGHTER OWNED  
& OPERATED COMPANY ~

20 Wildflower Lane ■ Lancaster, PA 17603  
www.sellfiretrucks.com ■ email: glenn@sellfiretrucks.com  
1.866.238.6688 ■ Fax: 717.735.0228

December 12, 2019  
Dewey Fire Company

Dear Sir:

Our firm agrees to purchase the surplus 2006 KME Rescue Pumper from your department. Our offer is based upon acceptance of these terms within 30 days from today and availability of the unit at the time mutually agreed date.

Our terms and conditions for this are as follows:

The fire pump will pass a standard pump test and the booster tank doesn't leak. The vehicle will be in the same condition as it is today, subject to minor wear and tear from usage by the seller.

The unit has never been involved with a major collision or accident and has not been reconstructed or salvaged. The underside is free of corrosion or rust on the frame and undercarriage.

You will supply a full set of accurate specifications and color photos on the unit. Clear title in the form of a state issued title will be conveyed to the purchaser at the time of sale and payment in full for the vehicle. The seller will also provide all available service manuals and maintenance and service records at the time of sale. All of the basic and fixed equipment will be upon the vehicle at the time of sale including deck gun with tips, warning lights and siren, ground ladders, caps on intakes and discharges, SCBA brackets, and any other fixed items.

The purchaser agrees to purchase this unit for \$ 150,000. Upon acceptance of this offer, the purchaser shall provide the seller a \$ 10,000.00 deposit and pay the balance at the time of sale.

Regards,

*Glenn D. Usdin (signed)*

Glenn D. Usdin, President

Accepted this \_\_\_\_ day of November 2019 by \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of Dewey Fire Company.

Please sign and fax this agreement back to us at 717 735-0228.

**Cathy Hartranft**

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**From:** Randy V. Yardumian <yardo@rcn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** Cathy Hartranft; Philip Weber; Tom Rieger; Earl Hill; James Hill; Andrew Hughes; Gil Stauffer; Mike Mckenna; David Heintzelman  
**Cc:** Mike Maguire; Matt Simkovic; Jon Deimore; Mike Myers; Chris M. Miller  
**Subject:** Fwd: contract  
**Attachments:** Dewey FC KME Pumper Purchase.doc

Members of Council,

Please find attached a contract (for execution upon bid acceptance) as proposed by Mr. Glenn Usdin, of Command Fire Apparatus: a used firetruck broker located in Lancaster County. You may recall that he is the same vendor that purchased the Dewey Rescue truck a few years back. His reputation is dependent on working with municipalities with regards to the timing of the sale and ultimate turnover of the product. Placing a \$10,000 down payment on a truck and then allowing a community to continue to use the vehicle for a year is not something unusual for him, and in fact is part of his business model. If his bid is accepted, the Borough retains the title until turnover of the vehicle. We would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep until turnover to him (whenever that may occur) whereupon the balance of \$140,000 would be paid in full.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Randy V. Yardumian  
Dewey Fire Company  
Apparatus Committee

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**From:** "Glenn Usdin" <glenn@selffiretrucks.com>  
**To:** "yardo" <yardo@rcn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 11:22:03 AM  
**Subject:** contract

Glenn Usdin  
Command Fire Apparatus  
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[www.selffiretrucks.com](http://www.selffiretrucks.com)



## Borough of Catasauqua *Fire Department*

Administrative Calls  
610-264-2121

Emergency Calls  
9-1-1

*90 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032*

Borough of Hellertown  
Borough Council  
685 Main Street  
Hellertown PA 18055

December 11, 2019

Hello members of Council. The Borough of Catasauqua is currently in discussions with a vendor for us to purchase an aerial device(ladder truck). This intended purchase is to replace our 1991 ladder truck that has served our community and our mutual aid communities well. While in discussions with our vendor, we were made aware that the Dewey Fire Company was also in the process of writing specifications for an aerial device. As I researched on line to see what was transpiring with their potential purchase, I was surprised to find out that the Borough intends to "table" the decision until a later date. I have been the Fire Chief here in Catasauqua for almost ten years. Prior to that I was the department Training and Operations Chief and held the position of Ladder Company Captain prior to that. I have always been an advocate for any department that demonstrates the need to better protect the residents and property owners within their jurisdiction.

When I became Fire Chief the department here was located in five separate buildings within the Borough. We owned two pumpers, one ladder truck, and one heavy rescue truck. The newest vehicle in 2010 when I was appointed Chief was a 1999 LTI pumper. The next newest was the 1991 LTI ladder truck. The two oldest were both Mack Fire apparatus aged at 1976 and 1978. In 2004 the Borough hired a consultant to conduct an assessment of the fire department operations and it took close to one year for us to receive the results. An abundance of time goes into a report like the one mentioned. When the report was released it identified all of our strengths and weaknesses. The largest deficiency at that time was our building conditions(fire station) and the age of our apparatus. I am proud to say with the cooperation of my Council, Mayor, and Manager we have corrected almost 95% of the deficiencies. The Borough made the commitment to support the fire department in the best interest of Public Safety. In July of 2016 we broke ground to construct a new central public safety building. We also took delivery of a new combination rescue pumper in 2016. The Borough also recognized the need to build a new fleet and we drafted a very rough apparatus replacement plan. I am pleased to say that the 1991 aerial will be replaced within the first months of the new year.

Catasauqua and Hellertown are quite similar when it comes to operational budgets, population, building construction, and road infrastructure. I offer you the following items to take into consideration before postponing or delaying a purchase.



- Owning your own aerial allows your fire department to “own” the most accessible spot to efficiently ladder the building(s) in question. While your neighboring departments that own aerial are very well trained and have either newer ladder trucks or new ones in construction, one must remember that they have a distance to travel. The normal ladder truck placement should be closest to the emergency for optimal performance. Meaning, the closer the aerial is to the building, the easier it will be to reach. In your current situation, your members are required to leave room for the aerial(s) when they arrive. Your engine companies will have the roadway cluttered with supply line and other equipment that the mutual aid departments will need to navigate around. Owning your own combination aerial will allow both resources to arrive simultaneously thus allowing mutual aid departments to use their resources in other locations on the fire ground.
- Depending on mutual aid for an aerial while cost effective, is a gamble. In 2017 we needed to send our aerial to the dealer for service. It was out of service for five weeks. At that same time, three out of the five surrounding mutual aid aerials were also out of service. The drive time for the closest aerial at that time was 15 minutes. That 15 minutes did not include the time it took for a crew to arrive at the station to respond to call. Anyone in public safety knows now more than ever, minutes matter.
- Owning a combination pumper/aerial(quint) allows a department to respond with two capable functions instead of being tied to just one. In the era of declining volunteers, there is a large trend shift in departments that once bought aerials with no pumps as they see the need to ensure a proper response.
- Your residents and business owners are assured the municipality they have stake in is serious about public safety.
- The average price increase from fire truck vendors is around \$30,000.00 every time they release a rate increase. The current aerial our borough is purchasing was quoted at \$848,000.00 in 2018. We are now over the \$900,000.00 cost. Delaying a purchase can potentially cost you in the long run.
- There are numerous financing companies that deal with municipalities. We currently use Community Leasing and they have been more than helpful with our most previous purchase and will be contracted for the purchase of the aerial. If your Borough has the means to purchase outright, do it as soon as possible.

I was hoping to attend your meeting on December 16 to show support for the Dewey members but unfortunately we will be conducting our year end meeting which includes our final budget discussion before adoption. Please contact me should you have any further questions or concerns. My email is [firechief@catasauqua.org](mailto:firechief@catasauqua.org) and my phone number is (610)972-7379.

Richard C. Hertzog, Jr.



Fire Chief, Borough of Catasauqua

**Cathy Hartranft**

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**From:** Michael Maguire <[mmaguire@deweyfireco.org](mailto:mmaguire@deweyfireco.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** Tom Rieger; Philip Weber; Mike Mckenna; James Hill; Earl Hill; Andrew Hughes; Gil Stauffer; David Heintzelman; Cathy Hartranft  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter  
**Attachments:** Hellertown Ltr - v2.pdf

Hellertown Borough Council,

As you all are aware, we as a Committee have been continuously doing research to bring you as much information as possible to assist you in making the necessary vote of "YES" to approve the purchase of this Quint Apparatus. We have provided numerous links for news articles of fires in nursing facilities with the same building construction of the Saucon Valley Manor buildings, and their reasons for success or failure in saving lives in both of these incidents. A link was also included for you to better see what the actual capabilities are of this apparatus and how it will only benefit this Borough. All of these, unbiased articles, support everything that we have presented to you, in order for you to make the best and safest decision for our residents of Hellertown Borough.

With this research, I have also been seeking local towns/areas that best fit within the same "footprint and size" as Hellertown Borough. My research lead me to Catasauqua Borough, which mimics Hellertown in almost every aspect; size (1.3sq miles), population (roughly 6,400), structural commercial and residential buildings and finally, the Fire Department which responds to approximately 275 calls/year. So, as you can see by comparison, Hellertown and Catasauqua are mirror towns.

In speaking with Mr. Richard Hertzog, Fire Chief of Catasauqua Fire Department, each town requires the same fire protection.

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Hertzog in regards to the necessary purchase of this Quint Apparatus. As with the previous email with the links I have mentioned above, I hope you take the time to view the links and to read Mr. hertzogs letter to you as well.

If anyone has any questions prior to the December 16th meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to me either by email or phone.

Thank you in advance for your support in our mission to protect our residents and our families!

Mike

----- Forwarded message -----  
**From:** Fire Chief <[firechief@catasauqua.org](mailto:firechief@catasauqua.org)>  
**Date:** Wed, Dec 11, 2019 at 12:53 PM  
**Subject:** Letter  
**To:** Mike Maguire <[mmaguire@deweyfireco.org](mailto:mmaguire@deweyfireco.org)>