

**Phillipsburg Democratic Committee Responses
to Spurious Republican Attacks
in Recent Mailings and Express Times Advertisements**

Sherry Corcoran - made up job - 18% raise of 8,000 - retroactive to Jan. 1, 2017

- **All** salaries for 2017, were retroactive to January 1, 2017, and were included in the 2017 budget. The salary ranges were approved by the Republican controlled Town Council under Ordinance 2017-16. The budget was approved and adopted in May 2017 in Resolution 2017-104 by the Republican-controlled Town Council.
- The prior salary for the Confidential Secretary to the Mayor position was \$45,000. The adjusted salary for the Confidential Aide to the Mayor is \$53,000. This upgrade of job title and salary was determined by the functions of the position, along with input from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission and research compiled from comparable-sized NJ towns to Phillipsburg.
- There was no structure, no organization chart and no job descriptions for Town employees when Mayor Ellis was elected.

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Made up deputy attorney job and gave to Dem Party Advisor Chris Troxell - \$2500/month, \$30,000/year - just shows up at Council Meetings

- This “made up job” was proposed by Republican Council President, Todd Tersigni:
 - *“this administration can work together...- it is a good compromise and we can work together now and in the future.” Council Meeting Minutes, 03/15/2016*
- In its second public reading, Ordinance 2016-05 was approved and adopted 3/15/16 by the Republican-controlled Town Council with all members in attendance voting yes.

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For service to Dem Party - Josh Davis' father given \$40,000/year job at Phillipsburg School District

- Josh Davis' father was hired in 2016 by the Phillipsburg School

District, which is a separate entity from the Town Council. Daniel Davis is not a member of the Phillipsburg Democratic Committee nor is he active in the Democratic party. Daniel Davis' son, Josh Davis, was not a member or an officer of the P'burg Democratic Committee until June 2017. And as noted above, Josh Davis' father was hired in 2016 by the Phillipsburg School District.

This claim above is so ridiculous I am not going to rush to post the fact check. I will post when I have time. Not quite sure what documentation could be posted. Danial Davis first paycheck in 2016? Minutes from the Phillipsburg Democratic Committee when Josh Davis became Chair in 2017?

Local Attorney and Phillipsburg Dem Party hanger-on given a 17%/hour raise from \$150 to \$175.

- The former town attorney with the former mayor, charged the Town \$175/hour. The present town attorney charges \$150/hour (a cost-saving move to the Town). The present town attorney's salary was approved on ordinance 2017-16.

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Town taxes have increased in the first two years under Mayor Ellis.

- The 2017 Municipal tax rate stands at \$1.524 in comparison to 2016 where the Municipal tax rate was \$1.516, a difference of \$0.008. The average homeowner saw an increase of about **\$7.29 in their Municipal taxes in 2017.**
- It should be noted that the Town is obligated to collect all property tax, which includes County and School Board tax. The Municipal government has no input on these budgets.
- This budget met State requirements.

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