

***VETERANS FIELD UPDATE By Mayor Delaney*** – At the Monday, April 21 Council Meeting, Mayor Delaney provided the following Veteran’s Field Update. As you already know, the Borough has hired special counsel to file claims against the responsible parties for the cost of the clean-up at Veteran’s Field and the completion of the renovations. The Borough, through counsel, has been in contact with the bond company which will most likely be the quickest way to obtain monetary damages for the contractor’s breach of contract for the placement of contaminated fill onto Veteran’s Field. However, this will take time. In the meantime, the Borough will seek to use the balance of the contract amount, approximately 4.9 million dollars, to immediately start the clean-up of Veteran’s Field. The removal of the contaminated fill will be done by a licensed contractor approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. We hope clean-up will commence within the next 30 days. I want to assure the public that I will do everything possible to make sure Veteran’s Field is safe for our children and residents. After the improper fill is removed, I anticipate that the Borough will next seek to complete all the renovations at Veteran’s Field. This will be funded by the Performance Bond if possible, or if necessary, by a new bond ordinance that will be repaid by the responsible parties who breached the contract with the Borough. I would also like to inform the public, the NJDEP has been asked to take over jurisdiction of this project in order to assist the Borough with the prompt clean-up and completion of the field. I would also like to provide you with an update of the Alcoa site. The NJDEP was notified on April 4, 2014, that the Alcoa site, which is believed to be the source of the contaminated material placed in Veteran’s Field, recently underwent additional soil testing. The recent testing revealed that additional contamination was present on the site including PCB’s. As a result, all construction activity on the Alcoa site has been stopped. No further activity will take place on the Alcoa site until the Governing Body is provided with proof from the NJDEP that the health, safety, and welfare of the public is protected. No further activity will take place until the Governing Body approves a Developer’s Agreement that insures all Performance Bonds have been posted, all insurance policies are in place, and the safety of our residents is protected. I hope to continue to provide periodic updates over the next several months on the progress of the Veteran’s Field project. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this unfortunate situation.