

# **A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**I know the last thing anyone wants is a tax increase. But every year our Borough faces increasing costs for contractual obligations as well as increases in insurances.**

**Four years of no tax increases and relying on the elimination of positions and the cutting of services is no longer a viable alternative. Last year the Borough Administration recommended to the last Council that there be a gradual increase of our local property tax exactly for this reason. They declined and that decision left the current Council no alternative but to raise taxes.**

**We were left the most difficult decision we could have to make, to raise property taxes during a pandemic and an economic slowdown. But without drastic and draconian cuts to both Borough staff and services, a balanced budget could not be achieved without an increase in property taxes.**

**We will continue to find ways to increase revenues and reduce costs without continually returning to the property owners of this Borough asking for increases in their property taxes.**

**I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.**

**Ted Parker  
Council President**

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