

# **CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2015**

### **BATTLE OF THE BADGES 2015**

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BADGES ICE HOCKEY GAME WAS PLAYED AT THE SANTANDER ARENA. THIS EVENT, PITTING READING POLICE VERSUS READING FIRE, RAISED MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF READING POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL. IN A VERY COMPETITIVE MATCHUP, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS VICTORIOUS BY A SCORE OF 4-3. THE RECORD OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS NOW STANDS AT 6-3-1 IN FAVOR OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW AZROLAN WAS AWARDED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> STAR OF THE GAME FOR HIS GOALTENDING EFFORTS FOR THE WINNING TEAM.

### **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

MATTHEW BEMBENICK; DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE THIS FRIDAY 3/13/15. MATTHEW SERVED IN THAT ROLE SINCE HIS HIRING IN JUNE 2012. HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB IN DEALING WITH OUR FISCAL DIFFICULTIES, WORKED DILIGENTLY WITH OUR ACT 47 COORDINATOR (PFM) AS WELL AS CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATION, AND WAS INTEGRAL IN OUR BUDGET PROCESSES AND PREPARATIONS OVER THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS.

IN HIS NEW JOB IN HARRISBURG (STATE GOVERNMENT), MATTHEW IS THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PENNSYLVANIA. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES. GOOD LUCK MATT, READING'S LOSS IS HARRISBURG'S (AND THE COMMONWEALTH'S) GAIN.

### **AUDIT COORDINATOR**

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I ANNOUNCE THAT MARIA RODRIGUEZ HAS BEEN HIRED AS THE AUDIT COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF READING. MARIA HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED HERE IN THE SAME CAPACITY FROM APRIL 2000 TO SEPTEMBER 2012. MARIA, A READING RESIDENT, EARNED HER B.A. IN ECONOMICS FROM HUNTER COLLEGE IN NEW YORK CITY AND IS ALSO A CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER. WELCOME BACK MARIA!

## **OTHER EVENTS**

ON THURSDAY 2/26/15, I WAS A GUEST ON COUNCILWOMAN MARCIA GOODMAN-HINNERSHITZ'S PROGRAM "IN YOUR DISTRICT #2" ON BCTV. THE TOPICS WERE MAINLY CHANGES TO ACT 47 AND SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK'S LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC PENSIONS REVIEW COMMISSION (PPRC).

ON SATURDAY 2/28/15, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE DOMINICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT AT CITY HALL. MAYOR VAUGHN SPENCER AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANCIS ACOSTA HOSTED THE FESTIVITIES. SEVERAL LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVED PROCLAMATIONS AND THERE WAS MUSIC, DANCING, AND EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS.