

City of Hazleton

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Introduction



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03/15/2017

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

CITY OF HAZLETON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, on or about March 14, 2017, a snowstorm has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the City of Hazleton and create a significant impact on city resources; and

Department of Administration

- ▶ Director: Tom Pribula
- ▶ New Equipment
- ▶ Contracts
- ▶ Delinquent Taxes

Hazleton Regional Airport

- ▶ Director: Ralph Sharp
- ▶ Advisor: Dominic Yannuzzi
- ▶ Runway Safety Extension
- ▶ Increased Rent



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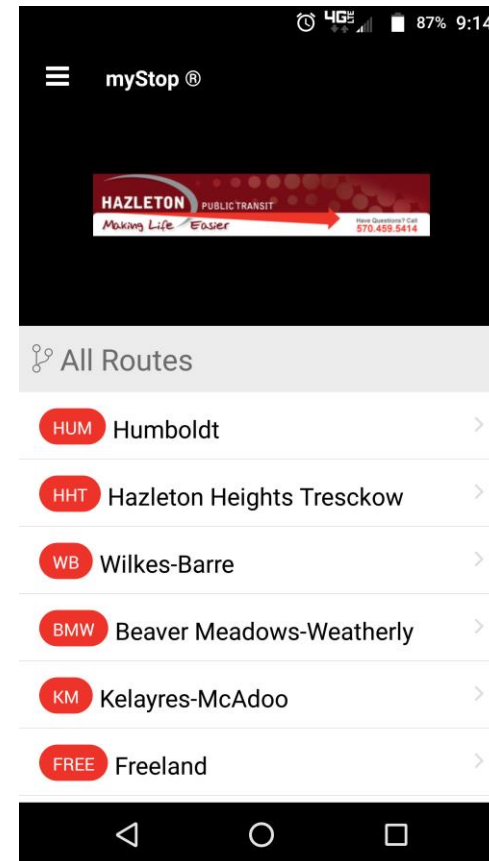
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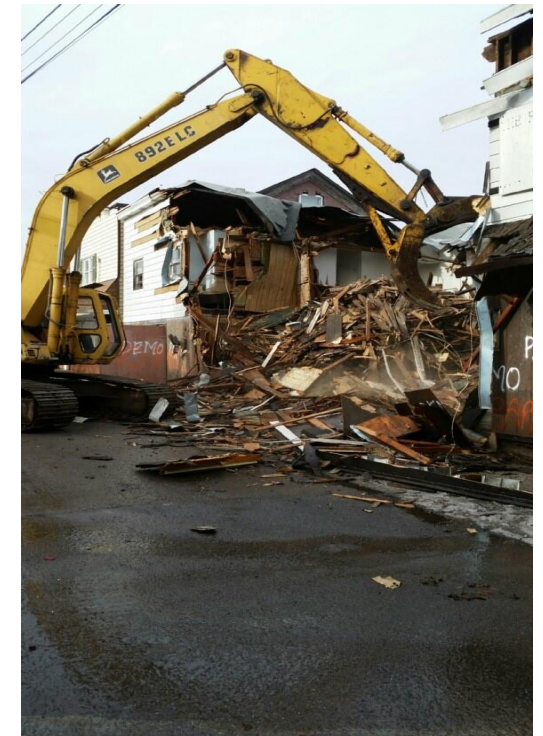


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Expansion, modernization in works

BY SAM GALSKI
STAFF WRITER

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the Broad Street campus,” Fletcher said. “Our goal ... is to expand the current ED. The footprint of the emergency (department) is just outgrowing that based on volumes.”

While planning the conversion to all private rooms, the hospital will not delicense any of its beds so that it will have the option to turn some rooms back to semi-private rooms if the facility hits peak census, he said. Upgrading the nurses’ stations and corridors are also part of the plans, he said.

“We want to make it a more modern facility,” Fletcher said.

Lehigh Valley will also look to expand its footprint at its ExpressCARE facility on West Broad Street, he said. Officials will continue providing all current services but expand to include obstetrics, provide more primary family care physicians, internal medicine and pediatric services, he said.

A third component of expansion involves the Health & Wellness Center.

“We would expand that site — a significant expansion — to include more physicians on that site,” Fletcher said.

Officials would expand cancer, surgical and medical specialty services and plans call for a “rather large” physical expansion of the wellness center, he said.

A final component involves recruitment and retention of physicians and practitioners, particularly since physician retirements are expected in the next five to 10 years, Fletcher said.

“In just about every single area we’ll need to recruit and retain,” he said.

Fletcher said after delivering his report that the hospital expansion will involve new construction that includes work to build a new entrance. That work will be tied to the emergency department expansion.

The ExpressCARE facility on Broad Street will also require additional space while expansion planned for the wellness center would give Lehigh Valley the ability

to offer a number of medical services in a mall-like setting, he said.

“We’d be looking at creating somewhat of a medical mall,” he said.

Construction timelines and costs haven’t been finalized, Fletcher said later Tuesday.

With no projects underway, authority board members reminded Fletcher that they would be willing to work to secure financing on Lehigh Valley’s behalf for its planned expansion projects.

Fletcher said he’d keep the offer in mind.

Reorganization

Board members retained positions they’ve held in the past. The board consists of Chairman Robert Hoppy, Vice Chairman Ted Sherrick, Treasurer Joe Baran, Secretary Mary Pat Stroia and board member Anthony Urliko.

Joseph Ferdinand will serve as solicitor while Snyder & Clemente will provide accounting services.

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Lehigh Valley Hospital offers glimpse of local expansion plan.

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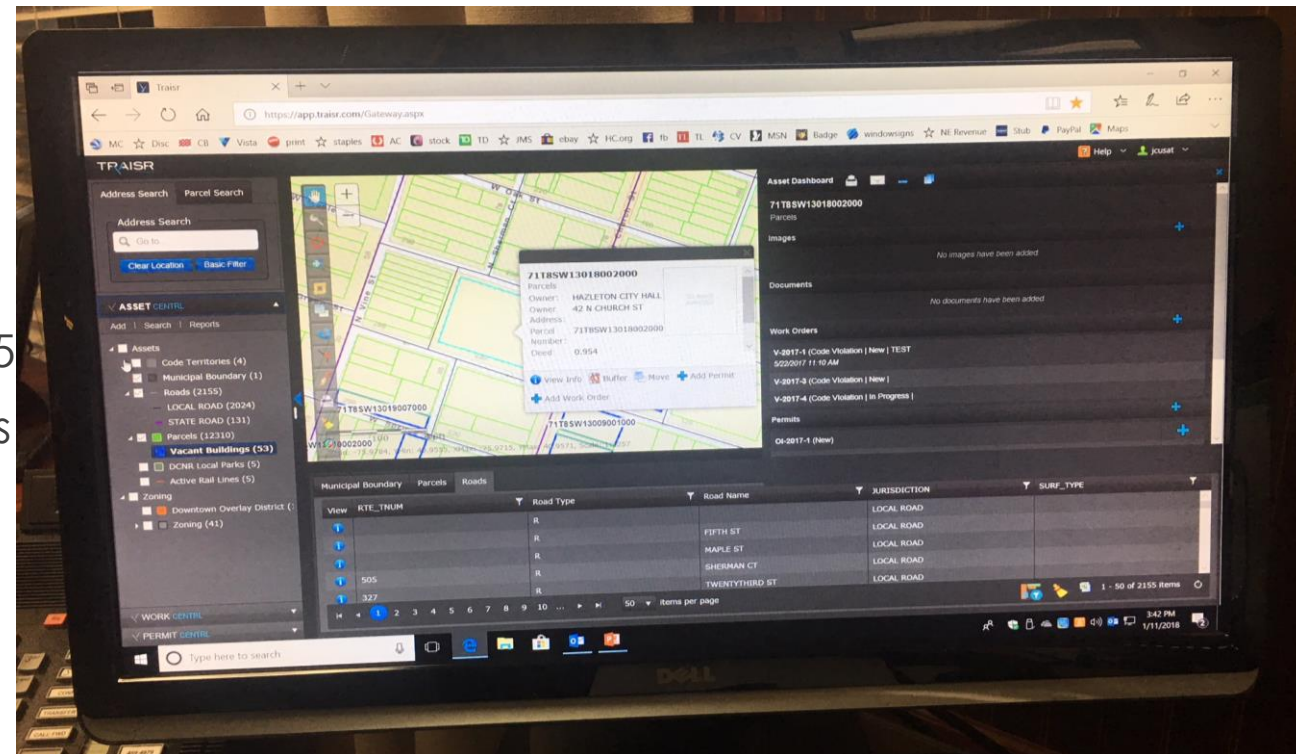


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	2015 vs 2016			2016 vs 2017			2015 vs 2017		
	CATEGORY	2015	2016	% -/+	2016	2017	% -/+	2015	2017
MURDER - HOMICIDE	2	2	0%	2	1	-50%	2	1	-50%
FORCIBLE RAPE	8	7	-13%	7	7	0%	8	7	-12%
ROBBERY	52	46	-12%	46	22	-52%	52	22	-58%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	40	37	-8%	37	56	51%	40	56	40%
BURGLARY	120	117	-3%	117	84	-28%	120	84	-30%
LARCENY(Except MV)	353	211	-40%	211	171	-19%	353	171	-52%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	39	36	-8%	36	30	-17%	39	30	-23%
OVERALL CRIME RATE	614	456	-26%	456	371	-19%	614	371	-40%
UCR DATA									

Parking Department

- ▶ Director: Ralph Sharp
- ▶ New offices
- ▶ Towing release
- ▶ Snow ban parking patrol
- ▶ Increased parking patrol
- ▶ Parking spaces for businesses



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Fundraisers



Old Equipment to Dominican



- ▶ Collected outdated equipment from other municipalities to be donated
- ▶ Sold old Engine 3



ACT 47



New City Council



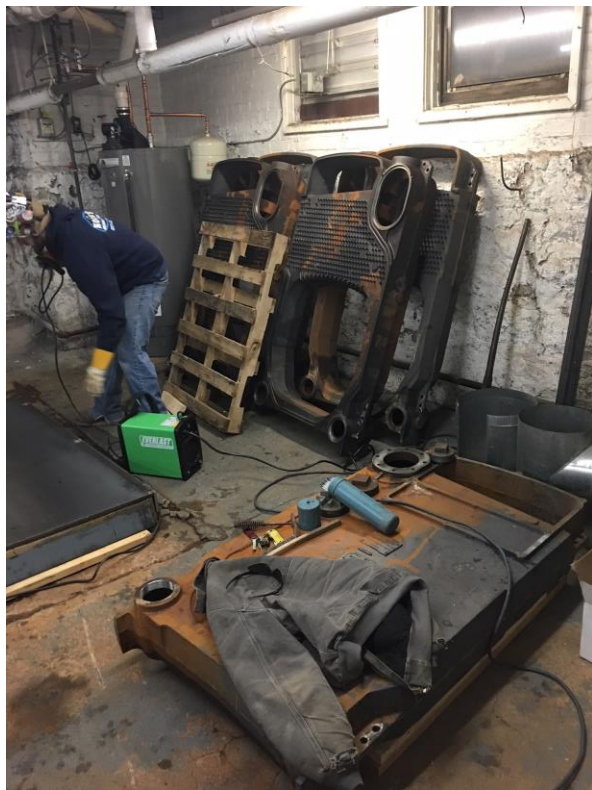
Christmas Tree Lighting



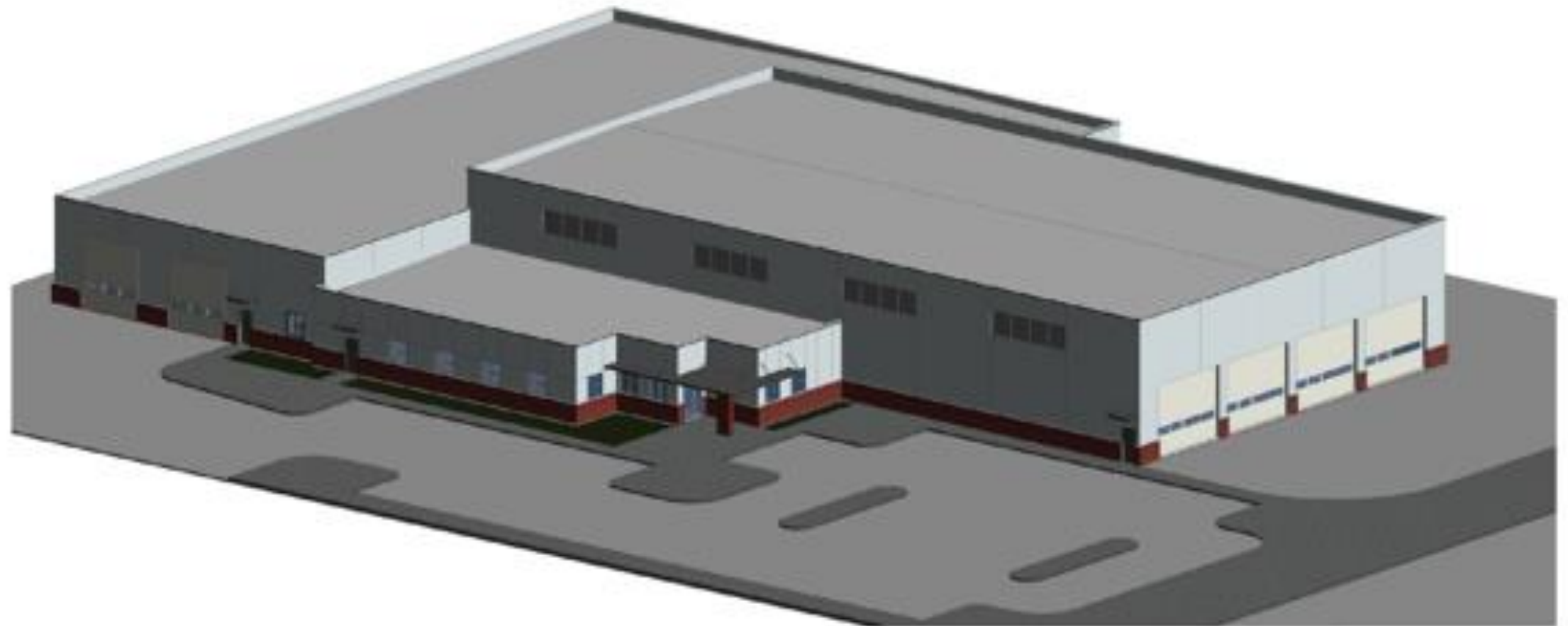
Ending the year in the Cold



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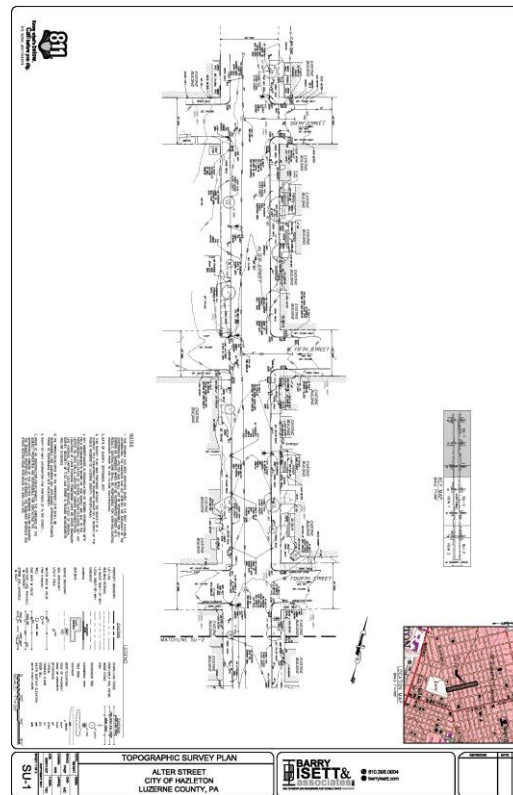
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