



Township Council of Lower Saucon Township

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Dear Lower Saucon Residents,

I am writing to residents of Lower Saucon Township (LST) today to provide an update on the status of working through a 2022 funding arrangement with the Hellertown Area Library (HAL). Many residents and library patrons have asked where we stand on the issues and a related timeline.

Lower Saucon Township has continued efforts since January 19, 2022 to discuss and meet with Hellertown Area Library Board leadership to resolve each party's concerns and work toward a mutual understanding. Since the Lower Saucon Council meeting on January 19th, our Solicitor and I have made outreach efforts directly to HAL and its attorney. We would like the public to know that LST has a strong desire to conduct these important discussions as soon as possible.

I have personally been communicating with HAL's new President, Ken Solt, over the past several days. HAL and LST have tentatively scheduled a meeting for this Friday, February 4th between LST and HAL Board leadership.

We have also sent written communication to the state asking for clarification on the Pennsylvania Library Code and the regulations that interpret that code. Those requests have gone unanswered by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. It is our understanding that HAL Board is experiencing a similar lack of response and support from the state level.

It is our intention to include related information, updates, and documentation for our residents and fellow Council members to review for the upcoming LST Council Meeting on February 16, 2022. We continue to be optimistic in working toward a solution to the issues at hand and provide clarity in how we can move forward in providing library services to LST residents with HAL in mind.

I would encourage residents of Lower Saucon to support an opportunity for conversations to occur between HAL Board and LST, as well as the Commonwealth Library office, so that we can continue to provide library services to Lower Saucon residents.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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