**Community Meeting Minutes 10-12-17**

* Welcomed residents and thanked for coming
* Introduced John Persinger and he spoke on his plans if elected Mayor
  + Three areas of concern from knocking on neighbors doors: safe neighborhoods, education, and jobs
  + He wants to invest in education – which will lead to business growth
    - Strengthen business partnerships
  + Clean up the city – End blight, gun violence, and drug problem
    - Demolish 1000 homes in 1000 days
  + Fight for the Future – Don’t let Erie fall behind, create a new website
  + Wants to lobby state and federal to get more funding for Erie schools and to subsidize ESL teachers due to Erie’s high New American population
  + Wants to work with school district to turn now defunct schools into opportunities for businesses
  + Wants to add a liason in mayor’s office to work with refugee population
  + Wants to create indoor marketplace where small business owners or individuals can sell products, focusing on immigrant population and working with business schools to create a kind of incubator
  + Wants to turn city hall into a service center with one number you call and update website to make it more user friendly and offer more services
* Gave an update on details of meeting with DEP and next steps forward we will take
  + Shared links of up to date monitoring information
* Discussed submission of two NAP Tax Credit Grants
  + One is a home repair grant - $25,000
  + One is an urban garden proposal - $63,000
* Discussed opportunity of sidewalk project and next steps to be taken in order to apply for grant and start project
* Steve Yurkowicz gave an update on the code enforcement sweeps and offered assistance to those confused about the process or violations
* Announced the Fall Festival happening on Nov. 2 and all the activities that will be there
* Gave an update that the Nov. meeting was moved to Nov. 2 and Kathy Dahlkemper and Joe Schember will both be there to speak along with some city council candidates
* Announced the upcoming job fair at the JFK Center on Oct. 20 from 10am-2pm
* Announced McBride Viaduct meeting Oct. 28 at 10am at the Jefferson Educational Society