

To: Stephen Giesbrecht, Petersburg Borough Manager
CC: Aaron Hankins, Emergency Services Director
Subject: Ownership of Antique Fire Apparatus

April 30th, 2026

Assembly Members,

The Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Association, commonly referred to as 'The Association' by its members, is humbly requesting the Borough to transfer ownership of the 3 antique fire apparatus into the care of the Association. Currently, these three vehicles are owned by the Borough as part of its Motor Pool fleet as legacy items with the only expense occurring to the Borough being limited vehicle liability insurance.

The Association has spent considerable time, money and resources to repair, restore and upkeep the antiques and now are seeking to preserve our work by taking over the insurance responsibilities to make sure that they have adequate coverage in the event that they become damaged while on display, damaged while in storage or while driving. The Association has found an insurance company that specifically deals with antique fire vehicles and found that a policy with this company would be worth the expense. In order to accomplish this, the Association would need to take ownership of the 1928 Model A, 1936 International and 1950 Willys Jeep.

We have spoken to the previous Public Works director about this transfer before and Mr. Cotta found that this might be favorable to the Borough. Since that initial conversation, we have been working to make sure that this is what we what we need to do, researching costs and plans and what ownership might mean for the Association and the Borough. What we are proposing is to have the Borough transfer ownership to the Association, with the Association paying for all costs related to the transfer. In exchange, the Association will provide for the maintenance and upkeep for the vehicles and make them available for display during public events for as long as the Association remains in business. Should the Association ever dissolve, the Association would transfer ownership back to the Borough. We find that this removes the administrative burden from Motor Pool and allows us to make sure a piece of Petersburg's history remains well maintained and cared for.

We ask that our request be allowed to proceed to the Assembly for additional consideration.

Thank you,



William Tremblay
PVFD Association President