

# **December 2015 Town Report**

#### Economic Outlook:

The Town collected \$4,750 in building permit fees during the month of December. There were three (3) building permits issued for new construction. The Town also received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$26,471 for property transfer taxes collected on our behalf.

### Rifle Range Road & U.S. 13 Intersection:

Multiple conversations with DelDOT regarding their proposed closure of this intersection. Finally received a letter from DelDOT indicating that they completed a new accident study and decided to reverse course and leave the intersection open.

#### Source Water Protection Ordinance:

We received notice from DNREC that they have completed the new model of the wellhead protection areas. New maps will be drawn up and we will then host another workshop to review the results and finalize the Town's Ordinance.

#### Credit Card Payment Options:

The Town began review of additional credit card payment options. More specifically, we are working towards an online payment system through a third party. The system would allow residents to view their bills online and make secure credit and debit payments toward their balance(s).

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#### Delaware Bike Council Grant:

The Town was awarded a planning grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the engineering and permitting of the northern addition of the Heritage Shores bike path. DBF has submitted a proposal in that same amount to complete the work, which will be considered once the easement for the path has been finalized.

## Heritage Shores Water Tower:

Contracted to have the fence surrounding the water tower power washed. Also contacted the company we have under contract to perform maintenance of the two water towers in Town. By contract, they are to perform a complete cleaning and repaint in 2018. They did provide a cost to perform the cleaning of the Tower outside of the regular maintenance contract- that amount was approximately \$25,000.

# FY2016 Budget:

Completed the amendment to the current budget. Workshop held on 12/30 to answer questions from the Commissioners and the public regarding the changes.

Regular daily activities and duties were completed throughout the month, and weekly department meetings were held. Also attended necessary quarterly and monthly meeting pertaining to SCAT, DLLG and CMAD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Savage Town Manager