



May 2015 Town Report

DLLG Meeting:

President Correll and I attended the May Delaware League of Local Governments Meeting held on May 21st. Representative Carney was the guest speaker. The League also discussed pending and proposed legislation that could affect our municipalities.

Economic Outlook:

There was one (1) building permit issued for new construction during the month of May. The Town also received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$25,239.06 for property transfer taxes.

FY16 Budget:

A second budget workshop was held on 5/19. Commissioners discussed income and finalized expenses. It was determined that two new employees would be hired- one in the admin department and one in public works. There are no fee or tax increases. A budget resolution was submitted that would set the FY16 budget at \$2,691,950. That reflects a 1% decrease from the current budget. The resolution will be on the June 8th agenda for approval.

111 Market Street:

The Town received four (4) bids on the parking lot improvement project at 111 Market Street. The Town awarded the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, L&B Concrete Construction, in the amount of \$58,000. The Town estimated the project to be \$30,000, which was approved in the Town's Capital Budget. Therefore, funds were solicited from our State Legislators to make up the difference. We were recently notified that State Representative Wilson will contribute \$20,000 and State Senator Pettyjohn will contribute \$15,000 toward this project. We greatly appreciate their assistance.

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Source Water Protection Ordinance:

I met with Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader and Lee Ann Walling on May 29th to discuss the final draft of the SWP Ordinance. This ordinance is mandated by State law once a Town's population reaches 2000. The ordinance will be introduced at the June meeting and will be considered for a recommendation by Planning and Zoning in July. The objective of the Ordinance is to put in place development regulations to ensure the safety of the public drinking water system.

10 Cook Street- Dangerous Building:

The demolition of the dangerous building located at 10 Cook Street began on May 28th. The Town partnered with the County, using Community Block Development Grant monies, to have this project completed. If you will recall, the Town recently received a judgement from the Court to have the building demolished.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Town Manager