



February 2015 Town Report

SCAT:

Attended the February SCAT meeting hosted by the Town of Georgetown and located at the Georgetown CHEER Center. Governor Jack Markell and the Sussex County State Legislators were the guest speakers.

Economic Outlook:

There were five (5) building permits issued for new construction during the month of February. The Town also received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$23,575.05 from property transfer taxes.

FY15 Budget Amendment:

The Commissioners held a budget workshop on February 5th to discuss the amendment to the FY15 Budget. The amendment shows an increase of 8.8%, mainly due to increases in building permit fees and grant income, as well as repairs and grant item expenses.

New Police Department:

Chief Longo, Lieutenant Parker and I met with the architect from DBF to go over the initial details of the new PD. We discussed the layout, size and number of rooms to be included. DBF will be conducting a survey of the property in March and will provide a plat of the property showing boundary lines, etc.

HS Street Acceptance:

We are still working through verifying the street lights that are to be accepted by the Town. In addition, repairs to Whistling duck drive are still outstanding. Per the Commissioners, the Town can formally accept the second phase of streets in Heritage Shores once these items have been completed.

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Refinancing Town Debt:

I began work with the Town Solicitor on a draft amendment to the Town Charter to allow for the refinancing of existing Town debt if more favorable terms can be acquired. The draft will be brought to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Water Meter Replacement Project:

All of the new water meters have been installed. The next step is making sure that all of the information is entered correctly into the billing software, as the data had to be entered manually. In addition, the project included an upgrade to our billing software, as well as an annual maintenance contract. Those services are being scheduled for some time in March.

WIFI:

Comcast will be providing internet service to the Town Hall beginning sometime in March once installation is complete. At that point the Town will begin offering WIFI service.

2015 Town Property Assessments:

The 2015 assessment were received from the County and will be available to the public once approved by the Commissioners at their March Commission meeting. A Town will hold a court of appeals on Saturday, March 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is at this time where each property owner will have the opportunity to appeal their property assessment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Savage
Town Manager