



October 2020 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

The Town issued nineteen (19) building permits totaling \$40,800.17 during the month of October. There were thirteen (13) building permits issued for new construction. Building permits – especially for new construction, have continued to increase since the COVID-19 related lull.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$58,078.79 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during August. The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$45,421.61 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during September.

The Town has a current set-aside balance of \$626,995.24 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Bridgeville Liquor Market Expansion – Vaibhav, LLC – 7519 Federalsburg Road
- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Rezoning Approved. Waiting for a sketch plan submission.
- Cornish Annexation – Ordinance to be approved tonight.
- Sound FX Site Expansion

Waiting for formal Submission: These have been recently discussed but not yet formally submitted to the Town.

Bridgeville Commons (Blue Hen Crossroads Site)

7-11 Sign Variance Request

Western Sussex Unified Sewer District

Construction has resumed on-site behind Town Hall after the prior month's delay due to a water line running through the area. Construction crews are working on getting back on schedule to meet existing deadlines. We have been working with County staff to identify I&I issues that exist and map out EDU's by sewer district.

14th Annual Charity Bridgeville Open Golf Tournament - Update

The event was held Friday, October 9, 2020, at the Heritage Shores Golf Course. Total funds collected for Bridgeville charity comes out to \$8,000. Charity distribution is to be determined by resolution at tonight's meeting.

Halloween

Bridgeville held its first organized Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. The event was designed to create a safe trick or treat event to attend during the pandemic and spread over 10+ stations in the Fire Company parking lot. Special thanks to the Fire Company for the use of their space, the Library for willingness to merge events, Delaware Rural Water Association for the use of their vehicle as a station, and their water drop mascot, staff who volunteered their time to manage the event, and residents who volunteered to set up stations. We had well over 350 kids come through and hope that this will set the stage for a much larger organized event in 2021.

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FEMA Grant Update

I have been working with Joseph Hughes to complete the historical assessment for the property and finalize the application for security upgrades at Town Hall. This is for \$33,000 and includes an updated alarm system with key card access, a secure, bulletproof reception window, and ballistic film for windows. Funding and the notice to proceed for construction is expected to be approved in early Spring.

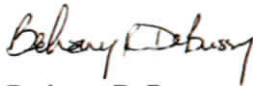
Financial Statements

The FY20 Financial Statements have been reviewed and completed and will be available to post on our website as soon as the final copy is received.

Ashley – CMC Progress

Our Town Clerk, Ashley Walls, completed her first year of training with the International Institute for Municipal Clerks, put on by the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration. It takes a minimum of three years of training to complete, but she is well on her way to becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk!

Respectfully Submitted,



Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager