



December 2020 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

The Town issued thirteen (13) building permits totaling \$30,067.18 during the month of December. There were nine (9) building permits issued for new construction.

In prior years, the average for building permits issued for new homes was 40-50. There were 68 permits issued for new homes in 2020.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$48,268.79 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during December 2020.

The Town has a current set-aside balance of \$752,694.99 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

Monitions sales have started again – they were previously placed on hold during the pandemic. The following properties went to sale in December, and amounts are included (Property taxes, utilities, and code violations) that the Town expects to redeem as a result of those sales:

- 309 Market Street - \$28.80
- 10 Cook Street - \$10,798.46
- 25 Gum Alley - \$5,241.95

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Rezoning Approved. Waiting for a sketch plan submission (Expected early 2021)
 - **Board of Adjustments submission received December 2020**
- 7-11 Convenience Store – **Board of Adjustments submission received December 2020**

Western Sussex Unified Sewer District

No new update; progress continues – crews are working on upgrades at the Heritage Shores pump station while the flow is currently bypassed directly to Seaford. The anticipated completion date is still April 15, 2021.

Public Works – New Hire

We are pleased to welcome Jordan Chelton to our team as the new public works operator. Applicants were interviewed in late December by the Town Manager, Water Department, and Street Department superintendents.

Coastal Corridors Meeting

DelDOT is conducting a Coastal Corridors study to review the areas around route 404 and route 16 – regarding future growth and traffic impacts, focusing on safety and mobility, and addressing any problem areas. The towns included in this are Bridgeville, Greenwood, Ellendale, Milton, and Georgetown. We had a brief introductory meeting in December to go over interest in

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participating and discussed the ability to include the public comments and feedback. There will be more updates and information to disperse as this project progresses.

DMCA Scholarship

As previously written, our Town Clerk Ashley Walls completed her first year in the Certified Municipal Clerk's training program. She applied for and received the Delaware Municipal Clerks Association scholarship to cover the first year's training cost – totaling \$495.00.

Masters in Public Administration

Town Manager Bethany DeBussy has officially completed her Master's in Public Administration from the University of Delaware in December 2020. (yay!)

Town Hall Remaining Closed Reminders

We have received calls about the continuing closed status of our Town Hall to the public. We want to remind everyone that we have a very small staff and are doing the best we can to keep services functioning while keeping everyone safe and healthy. We will reopen to the public as soon as we are safely able to do so – in the meantime, please contact us by phone (302-337-7135) or email with questions or concerns or to make an appointment if absolutely necessary. Payments for taxes, utilities, and other services can be made online at Bridgeville.delaware.gov, mailed, or left in the dropbox near the back door of Town Hall.

New Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter, The Journal, received a facelift in the December mailings. Please let us know if you have any comments or recommendations for future editions.

Election details

Our election for District's 4 and 5 Commissioners will be on March 6, 2021. Some important deadlines to know:

- Deadline to file to run – February 8, 2021
- Absentee ballots available – February 19, 2021
- Deadline to register to vote – February 24, 2021
- Election – March 6, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager