



## **February 2021 Town Manager's Report**

### Economic Outlook

The Town issued eight (8) building permits totaling \$20,151.12 during the month of February. There were seven (7) building permits issued for new construction.

There were no properties that went to Sheriff's Sale in February; however, there are currently two scheduled for March.

We presented the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company with \$34,056.55 at their regular meeting at the beginning of March. The exact matching funds have been set aside for the police department, closing out the 2020 EM Fund amounts. With a rise in development over the past couple of months, there is already a little over \$20,000 set aside for 2021.

### 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 Adjustment – Approved 2/15/21
- 7-11 Convenience Store – Board of Adjustment Approved 2/15/21
- E Gray Investments Subdivision - Board of Adjustment Approved 2/15/21 –  
Scheduled for P&Z 3/16/21
- Heritage Shores Phase 4E – Scheduled for P&Z 3/16/21
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 – Introduction to P&Z for comment only 3/16/21

Two separate potential annexation requests may be introduced at the next commission meeting – details coming soon!

### Open Board of Adjustment Seats

We now have TWO openings on the Board of Adjustment. As development picks up, this could be an excellent opportunity to start getting involved in local government! Please submit a letter of intent to Town Hall if you would like to be considered for the position.

### Certification – Jordan Chelton

Our public works new hire, Jordan Chelton, successfully passed his certification as a public drinking water sampler/tester. He is now able to slip into the daily water sampling schedule with the rest of the crew, filling the spot that has been missing since August. We are expecting a great future with Jordan!

### Academy Graduation – Christopher Bowen

Our newest police officer, Christopher Bowen, graduated from the academy in February and officially started duty on February 17, 2021. While we were unable to attend the ceremony due to COVID regulations, Chief Parker has relayed that he also was awarded the Top Shot award in his class. His position brings our police department to eight full-time officers.

### Western Sussex Unified Sewer District

Crews have returned to the Wastewater plant site behind Town Hall to begin the pump station's final construction phases. The anticipated completion date is still April 15, 2021 – we're almost there!

### Mosquito Control Program

It's that time of year again – we once again contracted with DNREC's Mosquito Control program. We will receive notifications when our area is intended to receive treatments – which may be by plane or by road vehicles. We will share that information on our website and social media as it is distributed. Included with this report is the pamphlet on Mosquito Control in Delaware.

### Reopening Town Hall

We have been keeping an eye on statistics and information surrounding COVID-19. Some Town Halls are starting to reopen with limited access, and some have meetings returning to in-person capabilities with some restrictions. We are currently looking at reopening to a degree in April and will keep everyone posted.

### DelDOT Coastal Corridors Study

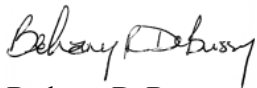
The first public workshop for Bridgeville's contribution towards the Coastal Corridor study is tomorrow evening, March 9, at 6:30 PM. This is an online-only workshop. You can find the link information along with a signup form for project updates at [CoastalCorridors.deldot.gov](https://CoastalCorridors.deldot.gov). There is also a flyer included with this report.

The Coastal Corridors Study will study east-west travel patterns in Sussex County, including, but not limited to, Route 404. Initial steps in the study will identify those east-west routes/corridors in northwestern Sussex County that are currently congested or are at risk for congestion based on anticipated growth. A number of factors will be considered, such as:

- Longer trips from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to the Delaware beaches and even Ocean City, Maryland
- Regional traffic between Maryland's Eastern Shore and Sussex County
- Local east-west traffic within the northwestern part of Sussex County

Current Study Phase - Data collection / Public Outreach

Respectfully Submitted,



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