

# September 2021 Town Manager's Report

#### Economic Outlook

The Town issued nineteen (19) building permits totaling \$51,379.90 during September. There were thirteen (13) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$54,903.08 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during August 2021.

We have a current set aside balance of \$1,271,139.12 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There were no scheduled Sheriff's Sales for September, and there are currently no properties within town limits scheduled for sale in October.

### Land Use and Development

### Pending Applications include:

- 7-11 Is back in action after COVID-related delays. We have received all pending
  approvals and are just waiting for the submission of their final building permit before
  construction begins.
- Bridgeville Town Center Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion Next stage is Plan (Preliminary) submission.
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 Preliminary approved by P&Z in August –Next stage is Final Plan submission.
- Annexation Request Fioravaniti Approx. 1.62 Acres on the South end of Town at the intersection of 13 and Cannon Road Pending Public Works Agreement
- PODS GED S Main Dist, LLC- New Minor Development Plan Concept/Sketch approved by P&Z in September next stage is Preliminary/Final Submission.

# **Upcoming Major Events**

The Town and several other Committees are optimistically moving forward with a full schedule of holiday events. If there are any other community events occurring throughout the holiday, we encourage residents and businesses to contact Town Hall to help get the word out through our website and social media pages!

- Bridgeville Trunk or Treat Halloween, October 31, 2021
- Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show December 4, 2021
- Christmas Parade December 11, 2021 "Winter Nights and Magical Lights"

# Staff Update

Town Staff has spent most of September preparing for our signature annual events – including the Charity Golf Tournament and Apple Scrapple. We also spend this time of year

taking advantage of educational and training opportunities for each Department. On the Administrative side, we have the Municipal Clerks Institute and the Professional Development Academy. For Public Works, DRWA classes, the Supervisory Management Program, and the Apprenticeship Program, and for our Police Department, we have various training and licensing renewals. It's our own "back to school" period before the holiday season hits!

#### Annual Audit

We are working on gathering all necessary documents for our annual audit. We hope to complete this process in October and have the regular annual presentation for a future commission meeting after our auditors have finished.

### PNC Bank – Closing in October

On October 15, the Bridgeville branch of PNC Bank will permanently close. We are extremely sad to see this happen, as Bridgeville has ALWAYS had a bank. To date, we do not know if another bank will come into this location or if the building will be sold for other uses. We continue to make contacts and try to get the word out to encourage a replacement banking institution. The Town Center zoning designation does limit the type of business that can exist on the property. We all hope to hear soon and be able to share news of the intended future use.

# Bond Bill – Community Redevelopment Funds

As previously announced, we have been granted \$575,000 through the State Bond bill, courtesy of Sen. Brian Pettyjohn and Rep. Jesse Vanderwende – (We can't thank them enough!) We have officially received those funds and will begin the projects listed in our grant request. These include demolition of the building next to Town Hall – 103 N. Main St, Stormwater improvements around the intersection of Market and N. Cannon St., Repaving of sections of Maple, Chestnut, Pine, and Cooper Alleys, and repairs to Mill and John Streets, Water System Improvements via collector systems for meter readings, and renovations to the former Police Station at 302 Market Street. We are excited to move forward with the demo of the building next to Town Hall, as this allows us to move forward with planning our Municipal Park project!

## Town Hall Operations

As of May 10, 2021, we had partially reopened Town Hall to the public. Hours of operation until further notice is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We had planned to try reopening to broader hours soon, but with the current increased spread of the COVID Delta variant, we have had to decide to keep traffic limited. Appointments may still be made if necessary between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. We ask that you remain home and continue using the dropbox and online/phone payment options if you or your close family show any signs of illness. Cash payments may be dropped off in the payment tray inside of Town Hall, but we are not handling change at this time. Any excess payments will be applied as a credit to future billings. We thank everyone for helping to keep our staff safe!

Respectfully Submitted,

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