



January 2022 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In January, the Town issued twenty-four (24) building permits totaling \$68,814.64. There were twenty (20) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$58,603.27 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during December 2021.

We have a current set aside balance of \$1,559,182.12 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There were no scheduled Sheriff's Sales for January, and there are currently no properties within town limits expected in February.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- 7-11 – Completed - Officially started construction as of the beginning of December.
- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Plan (Preliminary) submission – now expected back to P&Z Spring 2022
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 - Preliminary approved by P&Z in August –Next stage is Final Plan submission, expected Spring 2022
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Concept Plan reviewed by P&Z in December 2021.
- 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
- Annexation Request – The Life Center – 12.65 Acres located at 8887 and 8889 Redden Road.
- PODS – GED S Main Dist, LLC- New Minor Development Plan – Concept/Sketch approved by P&Z in September – next stage is Preliminary/Final Submission. Expected Spring 2022.

Workiversary

Rick Passwaters of our Street Department was hired in 1995; he will reached his 27th anniversary on February 6, 2022.

Brandon Slater of our Water Department was hired in 2020, and will reach his second anniversary on February 20, 2022.

New Employee

In January, we welcomed a new part-time employee to our Police Department – Shelley Lambden. She will fill the role of police secretary/administrative assistant that has been vacant since December with Robin's retirement. Welcome, Shelley!

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EM Fund – Bridgeville Fire Department

At the February 7, 2022 monthly meeting, we presented the “big check” to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department for their portion of the Emergency Services Fund. This year was the largest ever – totaling \$77,962.69, which will be put towards the purchase of a 2022 Pierce Velocity tanker, estimated to cost \$966,000.00. Since the program’s inception in the early 2000’s, the EM fund has contributed \$521,024 to the Fire Department for expansion and upgrades to emergency services.

Kiwanis Dinner

At the February 7, 2022, Bridgeville Kiwanis Council Meeting and Dinner, both Bridgeville and Greenwood were represented this year. Representatives from both Towns provided progress reports, updates, and answered questions about the state of the Town in the past year, and plans for the near future. This is my second year having the privilege to attend, and we always appreciate the invitation and delicious dinner!

Election Cancelled

The March 6, 2022 Election has been cancelled. After the deadline on February 3, the only letters of intent received were for the current Commissioners seated in Districts 1- Marlene Saunders, District 2- Tom Moran, and District 3-Bruce Smith. The Commissioners will serve on the remainder of their term, and will be sworn in again at the March 14 Commission Meeting and Organizational Meeting.

SCAT Dinner- Hosting

The Town of Bridgeville is a member of the Sussex County Association of Towns, and will be hosting the monthly dinner and meeting at Bridgeville Fire Hall on April 6, 2022. We have not had the honor of hosting the event during the last two years of the pandemic, so this will be the first dinner since November of 2019.

Economic Development Video

Sussex County Economic Development has featured Bridgeville in their latest video production – featuring businesses in and around Town. The complete video can be viewed on our website via a YouTube link. We will also share the link on our Social Media pages. Sussex County will continue trying to incorporate more businesses in the area in future videos as well.

Town Hall Operations

At the January 10, 2022 Commissioner meeting, we voted to shut down all public meetings and access to Town Hall for 60 days. Starting March 14, 2022, we will reopen Town Hall to the public and return to regular in-person meetings. Town Hall hours will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager