



February 2022 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

February was quiet for building permits - the Town issued two (2) building permits totaling \$7,630.97. There were zero (0) building permits issued for new construction. We had a large number of permits processed in January, so this is not unexpected.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$35,757.31 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during January 2022.

We have a current set aside balance of \$1,594,939.43 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There were no scheduled Sheriff's Sales for February, and there is currently one property within town limits expected in March:

- 510 N. Cannon Street –Amounts owed to Town - W/S \$245.04, PTAX - \$662.57

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- 7-11 – Approved - Officially started construction in 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 4F – Expected to P&Z by May
- 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. – On hold per owners request.
- 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.

We have seen an exciting and steady increase in calls and meeting requests regarding potential applications on commercial properties throughout Town. They will not appear in the report until either concept or preliminary applications are received.

Workiversary

Our Chief of Police, Burke Parker, was hired in 2002; he reached his 20th anniversary on March 4, 2022.

Cpl. Justin Wechtenhiser of our Police Department was hired in 2013 and reached his ninth anniversary on March 4, 2022.

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Sussex County Grant Program Award

Sussex County Council amended their budget to include a one-time grant opportunity for Sussex county municipalities – coming directly from realty transfer taxes received. There is a dollar-to-dollar match requirement for any amount over \$100,000, and Bridgeville is eligible for up to \$253,141.00. Funds may be used for public safety, economic development, public works, and infrastructure-related improvements – subject to Sussex County approval. The application deadline is May 31, 2022.

Capital Budget Updates

Many lingering aspects of COVID are still causing issues in supply chains. The vehicles ordered in July and August still have not arrived, as well as the new copier for Town Hall and the antennas and related equipment for the water meter collector system. There have been severe delays on electronic devices worldwide, and we check in regularly with all appropriate vendors and hope to receive these orders in the Spring. With warmer weather, our contractors have begun making progress on planned curbing and catch basin repairs throughout Town.

Municipal Park Plan Update

Our engineers, Davis Bowen and Friedel, have been working on a preliminary concept plan for the future Municipal park next to Town Hall. We encountered several challenges with redesigning the multiple entrances to the property as well as resolve some known parking lot problems and will now be able to restart the Park Committee and make some progress!

Event Calendar

Below is the projected schedule for 2022 Events – please note some of these dates could potentially change as events approach:

- Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, May 7th, 7 AM (Normally the 1st Saturday in May)
- Fall Yard Sale: Saturday, September 17th, 7 AM (Normally the 3rd Saturday in September)
- Clean-Up day: TBD Late September/Early October (Normally, we try to do it before Apple-Scrapple)
- Golf Tournament: Friday, October 14 (Always Friday of Apple Scrapple)
- Apple Scrapple: Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15 (Always the 2nd full weekend in October)
- Downtown Trunk or Treat: Monday, October 31
- Christmas in Bridgeville: Saturday, December 3 (Always the first Saturday in December)
- Annual Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 10, 6 PM

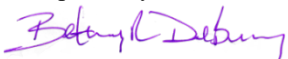
SCAT Dinner- Hosting Reminder

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.

Town Hall Operations

We have reopened! As of today, March 14, 2022, Town Hall has returned to full operations. Town Hall hours will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As a courtesy, we ask you to consider wearing a mask or continue using the dropbox and online payment options if you have symptoms of cold or flu, including COVID-19. The less risk of illness to our small staff enables us to keep Town Hall and the services we are here to provide available to all!

Respectfully Submitted,



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