



July 2022 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In July, the Town issued twenty-six (26) building permits totaling \$47,409.07. There were eleven (11) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$71,764.27 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during June 2022.

We have a balance of \$1,946,020.25 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There are no Sheriff's sales to report for July, and there are none currently scheduled for the month of August.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- B2B (Old Jimmy's Grille Site) – Conditional Use Application, Mini Storage – **Conditional Use Ordinance ONLY at tonight's meeting.**
- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Plan (Preliminary) submission – **Will be at the August P&Z Meeting**
- Ghulam Dastagir– New Minor Development Plan – Preliminary Approved in May
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 – Preliminary approved by P&Z in August –Next stage is Final Plan submission, expected in Late Summer 2022
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Concept Plan reviewed by P&Z in December 2021.
- PODS – GED S Main Dist, LLC – New Major Development Plan – Concept/Sketch approved by P&Z in September – **Preliminary approved at June P&Z – Expected for final review in October. Lot Subdivision at August P&Z Meeting**
- Rt 13 Self Storage of Bridgeville (13.41 Acre Parcel) – Dove Estates, LLC – No update
- Annexation Request – Fioravaniti – Approx. 1.62 Acres on the South end of Town at the intersection of 13 and Cannon Road – **Back on the agenda soon!**
- Annexation Request – The Life Center – 12.65 Acres located at 8887 and 8889 Redden Road. – On hold per owner's request.

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



This month has been a little quieter regarding major project and event updates as we have been working through property tax billing, capital improvement budget planning, and the water rate studies.

Water Rates

During June's Commission Workshop, we spent well over two hours going through the numbers and data, leading to a recommendation for a water rate increase. Since January 2022, the Town has been working with Delaware Rural Water to gather and analyze Bridgeville's water production, billing data, and comparable information for surrounding communities.

An increase in water rates will allow for growth, expansion, upgrades, and improvements to our water system – which is vital to the health and safety of our residents.

An Ordinance regarding water rates was introduced into record at the July 11, 2022 meeting – and the public hearing is at the August 8, 2022 meeting (tonight). All the data related to the water rate research and information was made available on our website on the August 8 event page.

If anyone would like an example of what the adopted rates will look like compared to their past billing, we can help generate that calculation. Please contact Town Hall for that guidance.

Redistricting and Registration

With the adoption of the new District Map from the 2020 census – we have been receiving calls and visits from residents concerned about voter registration. If you are already registered with the Town for the elections – you do **NOT** have to re-register if your district changes. District boundary lines do not void your registration status.

Notifications will be going out soon identifying which district your property falls within for the 2023 election. If you have any questions about the new map – please contact Town Hall.

Sidewalks and Code Enforcement

Per Section 183-2 of the Town Code, general maintenance and repair of sidewalks is the responsibility of the abutting property owner and maintenance of trees, bushes, etc., that overgrow into sidewalks and streets - to keep them in good repair, passable, and unobstructed. As we continue to catch up on Code Enforcement issues from the last few years of COVID-related restrictions – the Town will be conducting surveys and notifying property owners who have these issues. We thank you for helping improve our community's safety and appearance.



Upcoming Events

- Community Yard Sale: **September 17**
- Clean-Up Day: Exact Date TBD (Usually September to October)
- 16th Annual Bridgeville Charity Golf Open: **October 14**
- 30th Apple-Scrapple Festival: **October 14 & 15**
- Downtown Trunk or Treat: Halloween (Exact Date TBD)
- Christmas in Bridgeville: **December 3**
- Christmas Parade: **December 10**

Economic Development Committee – still seeking members

Our Economic Development Committee welcomes volunteers willing to assist in aiding, guiding, and growing our community. The EDC meets once per month. Recently, their membership dropped below requirements per their bylaws. While we have two new members interested in joining tonight, there is still plenty of room on the Committee; if you are interested, please contact Town Hall for more information.

Town Hall Operations

As of March 14, 2022, Town Hall has returned to full operations. Town Hall hours are from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. As a courtesy, we continue to ask you to consider wearing a mask or continue using the dropbox and online payment options if you have cold or flu symptoms, including COVID-19.

While they are slowing, we are still seeing reintroductions of COVID and the flu to our staff. Minimizing the risk of illness to our small staff enables us to keep Town Hall and the services we are here to provide available to all – we thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bethany DeBussy".

Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager