

# TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ...

- ✓ **Town Branding Focus Groups:**
  1. Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Georgetown Presbyterian Church – Tunnell Hall
  2. Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Village of Cinderberry Community Center
  3. Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM, Town Hall (Merchant & Business Owner's)
  4. Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Marvel Museum – Barrel Barn
- ✓ **Town Branding Presentation:** Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM, Sussex County Council Chambers
- ✓ **Town Council Meeting:** Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- ✓ **Planning Commission:** Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall

## UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENTS ...

### **Finance**

- As of June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Town has collected:
  - \$1,151,546 (78%) in property taxes of the \$1,474,559 billed (due date is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
  - \$773,172 (93%) of the \$829,037 April utility billing (due date was May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
- Disconnect date for non-payment of the April Utility Bill is June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Auditors return on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to begin on-site audit work

### **Planning**

- Final comments from Town Engineer sent to Bayside Health
- Concept Plan comments from Town Engineer sent to Flex World
- URS analysis of selected communities received and distributed to Historic District Review Committee

### **Police**

- Significant Incident Reports distributed as received
- Demolition of 101 Albury is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> (cost borne by Fannie Mae)
- Application for Bureau of Justice Assistance funding (Georgetown, Milford & Seaford) submitted. Georgetown funding request is for \$10,173 (replacement of four (4) – 800 MHz radios)
- Received our speed monitoring traffic sign from All Traffic Solutions (monitor speed, traffic counts, video recording)

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## Public Works

- Completed water meter readings for July Billing
- East Market Street lighting – three (3) heads not lighting – being worked on
- Entrance to East Alley (between AG Office and Caruso's) brick replaced with concrete (see Photo 1 & 2)

## Wastewater

- Large Lagoon depth is 13 ¼ feet and Small Lagoon depth is 7 feet
- Gordy Street Pump Station vacuumed out – appears operating as normal
- Verified gasket types installed in Pettyjohn Woods piping

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ...

- Received and reviewed Siemens Energy Efficiency Audit conducted at the Wastewater Treatment Facility – some small opportunities for improvements (mostly lighting) – nothing major was identified ( Gene Dvornick, Eric Rust)
- Met with Donna Harris (Heritage Consulting) regarding the development of Design Standards for the Downtown District: East Market Street from The Circle to Layton Avenue. Reviewed initial draft of design standards and proposed layout (Linda Dennis, Gene Dvornick, Chris Lecates, Pat Ryan, Lindsay Uhl)
- Reviewed, with Town Engineer, Town Solicitor and Town Staff regarding gasket issues with Pettyjohn Woods piping. Meeting with contractor being scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> (Scott Adkisson, Stephani Ballard, Chris Beckman, Randy Duplechain, Gene Dvornick, Eric Rust)
- Discussed tenant alternatives with Property Manager for Georgetown Plaza
- Participated in Press Conference regarding prevailing wage and impact it has on municipal projects (Gene Dvornick, Senator Simpson, Representative Briggs-King and Short)
- Attended Chamber Economic Development lunch. Topic was Nanticoke Hospital and their expansion in Georgetown
- Met with representatives of the Georgetown Public Library regarding issues with teenage visitors – action plan discussed and being implemented (Gene Dvornick, Captain Holm, Chief Topping)
- Attended Sussex County Association of Towns dinner meeting (Dave Anderson, Sue Barlow, Gene Dvornick, Chris Lecates, Angie Townsend, Bill West). Presentations by Sussex Senior Transportation Cooperative.
- Discussed possibility of connection of Georgetown Plaza to Town water (Bill Bradley, Joe DiFrancesco, Gene Dvornick)
- Attended SB 191 (Downtown Development Districts) signing ceremony; worked with other municipalities regarding issues with HB 333 (Limitation on Taxing Powers) (see Photo 3)

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- Attended SCAT Steering Committee – focus was on current legislation and the remaining 10 legislative action days (Gene Dvornick, Bill West)
- Met with Delmarva Power Engineering regarding replacement of two (2) street lights along West Market Street. Anticipate design and cost estimate within the next two weeks.



**Photo 1 - East Alley (Damaged Brick Removed)**



**Photo 2 - East Alley (New Concrete)**

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**Photo 3 - SB 191 (Downtown Development Districts) Signing**

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## HB 287 w/ HA 1- Prevailing Wage

Impact of Current Prevailing Wage Thresholds

June 4, 2014



## Prevailing Wage

- Municipalities understand and value the spirit of prevailing wage requirements
- We support HB 287 with HA 1 increasing the dollar threshold for requiring prevailing wage rates
  - \$350,000 for new construction (\$250,000 increase)
  - \$100,000 increase for alteration, repair, renovation (\$85,000 increase)
  - Last adjustment was in 1994
- Goal is to maximize the work completed for each dollar spent

## Pavement Project



- 1,906 SY of Road
  - 35 Foot Wide
  - 490 Feet Long
  - 4" hot mix
  - 460 TN Hot Mix
- Without Prevailing Wage
  - \$56,378
- With Prevailing Wage
  - \$71,230
    - Highway Rate
- Increase of \$14,852 (26.3%)

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## Sewer Project

- Connection of Four (4) Sewer Laterals to Main
- Without Prevailing Wage
  - \$19,500
- With Prevailing Wage
  - \$26,500
    - Highway Rate
- Increase of \$7,000 (35.9%)



## Financial Impact

- Infrastructure needing improvement exceeds financial resources available
- Prevailing Wage requirement adds to project cost
  - Two (2) relatively small projects, added cost is \$21,852
  - More than the smaller without Wage Rates
  - Wage rates added 25% to 35% additional cost
  - Administrative resources required to verify payrolls
- Threshold changes result in more work being completed for the same dollar