

# Town Manager's Monthly Report for February 2020



## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ...

- Attended the following Committee/Council meetings:
  - Finance Committee Meeting – February 21, 2020
  - Council Meeting – February 21, 2020
- Attended ACT Manager's Meeting – February 6, 2020
- Attended SCAT Meeting – February 12, 2020
- Attended SCAT Steering Committee – February 14, 2020
- Attended ACT Meeting – February 19, 2020
- Attended City Management Association of Delaware Meeting – February 20, 2020
- Attended Lighthouse Cove Marina Public Hearing – February 20, 2020
- Attended Joshua M. Freeman Valor Awards – February 20, 2020
- Met with ACT and the PEW Foundation – February 25, 2020
- Attended Women Leading Government Dinner – February 26, 2020
- Attended International City/County Management Board Meeting in Arizona – February 27-March 1

## UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENTS

### Sidewalks

- \$496,266 for replacement of six blocks of sidewalk was included in the State's bond bill. Representative Gray was instrumental in accomplishing this. This amount will need to be approved by the State Legislature.
- Representative Gray was able to include \$250,000 in the State's bond bill for Coastal Highway Sidewalks.
- We have received approval from the State to begin work.
- We were pleased to learn the Fenwick Island sidewalks are part of the Proposed FY21 to FY 26 DelDOT Capital Transportation Program. The sidewalk project was ranked 13 out of 116 projects. We attended the public hearing in Georgetown to encourage the project be moved up. Planning and Engineering are scheduled to start in July 2023, right-of-way work will begin in July of 2025 with construction beginning most likely in July 2026.
- We are seeking proposals for engineering work on a five- block sidewalk project scheduled to begin in Fall of 2020.
- Met on October 8, 2019 to discuss Kercher proposal.
- Met on November 20, 2019 to discuss Century Engineering proposal.
- We are recommending the Century Engineering proposal be accepted.
- Kick off meeting was held on January 28, 2020.

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## **Dredging**

- We are currently working on an MOU with Freeman Companies and exploring Engineering firms.
- We are currently seeking proposals from two engineering firms.
- Met with members of the Dredging Committee to interview two engineering firms regarding the dredging project on July 1 and July 3.
- Anchor QEA of Lewes, DE was selected for the engineering work on the dredging project.
- We are working with Anchor QEA to set up a site visit.
- A kick-off meeting with our engineer, Anchor QEA, Freeman and Company was held on October 16, 2019.
- The Site visit was held on October 28, 2019.
- Engineering work is currently being conducted.
- Along with Council members Merritt, Weistling, Consultant Tony Pratt, met with Anchor QEA on March 9, 2020 to discuss project and next steps.

## **Budget FY 2021**

- Departments have been working on assembling their FY 2021 budgets.
- Departments turned in their budgets on March 6.
- The Finance Manager and I are working on assembling the budget package for FY 2021.