

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW
DELAWARE

November 10, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Kenneth L. Cimino, Director of Planning, Zoning & Development

VIA: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Monthly Update for the Dept. of Planning, Zoning & Development as of November 5, 2020

Maintenance & Operations

The Office of Planning, Zoning and Development is soliciting bids for an Open-End Municipal Tree Removal and Trimming Contract. This contract will be for a three (3) year period and provide a required 24-hour response for tree removal. Bids are due on December 4, 2020 at which time a successful bidder will be selected and a recommendation to approve the contract will be brought before Mayor and Council at the January 12, 2021 Council Meeting.

Traffic Safety Initiatives

The Ogre Drive Speed Study has been completed. Traffic data was collected during the 7-day period of March 4, 2020 to March 11, 2020 and again during the 7-day period of July 28, 2020 through August 3, 2020.

The March data collection period revealed an average speed on Ogre Drive of 19 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 24 MPH.

Automated Speed signs were installed prior to the data collection dates in July. The July data collection revealed an average speed on Ogre Drive of 17 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 22 MPH.

The installation of the Automated Speed signs resulted in a reduction of the average speed and the 85th percentile speed of 2 MPH.

The study concluded that the Automated Speed signs have been an effective traffic calming measure and that speeding on Ogre Drive is not prevalent.

Attached for your information is the executive summary of the traffic study.

A task assignment has been issued to Wallace Montgomery to evaluate the traffic volume and speed data compiled by the Traffic Group along Woodland Avenue and the connector streets to Central Avenue prior to COVID-19. The goal of this task assignment is to identify traffic calming measures to mitigate cut-through traffic and potential speeding along Woodland Avenue and Daisey Avenue.

DeIDOT Issues

The Office of Planning and Development has received confirmation from DeIDOT that Muddy Neck Road from Atlantic Avenue to Beaver Dam Road has been added to the DeIDOT Pavement Rehabilitation Program and is expected to be advertised for bid by the Summer of 2021. Our office will work with DeIDOT to incorporate Bike Lane amenities or other suitable measures to increase Bicyclist Level of Comfort (BLOC) along this segment of roadway.

Permits & Certificates of Occupancy (C.O.'s)

Total building & sign permits issued in October: **43**

Total C.O.'s issued in October: **38**

Licenses & Gross Rental Receipts Tax (GRRT)

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| • Total Business & Rental Licenses issued for CY20: | 1277 |
| • GRRT collected for 19-2 (due February 15, 2020): | \$246,764.13 |
| • GRRT collected for 20-1 (due August 15, 2020): | \$126,265.41 |
| • GRRT collected for 20-2 (due February 15, 2021): | \$3,066.18 |

Code Enforcement

We issued 8 code violation notices for various violations, including property maintenance nuisances, failure to obtain a building permit or business license, and failure to adhere to lawful construction hours.