

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE MARCH 10, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

➤ **Floodplain Ordinance**

DNREC has confirmed that the Town's Floodplain Ordinance adopted at the January 13, 2015 Town Council meeting has been submitted to FEMA for review and approval.

➤ **Sussex County Council 2015 Economic Development and Infrastructure Grant**

The Town received a letter from the Sussex County Council advising us of a one-time grant of \$10,000 that must be used by June 30, 2015. I have contacted Melody Booker-Wilkins, the County's Economic Development Director, to discuss possible Town initiatives for their consideration. The following initiatives were discussed and verbally approved with the use of these funds:

- New picnic tables for the pavilion;
- A street clock;
- Replace outdated sodium light posts with more energy efficient light posts;
- Install pathway lighting for the north end of the park;
- Replace the band stand;
- Add additional entry signage (Welcome to Ocean View);
- Install banners on the light poles;
- Install an electronic signage board.

➤ **Municipal Street Aid Fund**

Jamie Nutter, SCAT's new lobbyist, attended the Department of Transportation's Bond Bill on March 2nd at Legislative Hall. As previously notified, the Governor's proposed Bond Bill recommends a 40% reduction – from \$5 million in FY15 to \$3 million in FY16 – in Municipal Street Aid. This recommendation was addressed unfavorably by two members of the Bond Bill Committee – Senator Bushweller, who represents Dover, and Senator Hall-Long, who represents Middletown. Additionally, Carl Luft spoke as Executive Director the Delaware League of Local Governments requesting that the FY15 allocation be maintained, noting that municipal roadways are a critical part of the State's overall transportation infrastructure. Mr. Luft also reminded legislators that the revenue mechanisms by which the State funds the transportation trust fund (gas taxes, document fees, etc.) are not available to municipalities.

Right now, Mr. Nutter believes all legislators recognize that funding for the transportation trust fund must increase, but no consensus as to specific revenue enhancers has emerged.

➤ **ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan**

Kercher Engineering has prepared an ADA compliance assessment for the sidewalks within the Town's right-of ways. A meeting was held on February 25th to discuss the barriers and to determine planning for design and construction improvements.

➤ **Meet the Candidates Night**

A Candidates Night is being planned and will be announced shortly.

➤ **Other**

Attended the Valor Award Luncheon on February 20<sup>th</sup>.