

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE JUNE 13, 2017 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

◆ **Millville Volunteer Fire Company**

The Millville Volunteer Fire Company provided a copy of their audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2016. The audit was conducted by Sombar & Company, CPA's. Anyone wishing to review the statements or receive an electronic copy can send me a written request.

◆ **Property Tax Bills**

Property tax bills were mailed on May 20, 2017. Included in the mailing was a 2017 newsletter and notice regarding the new Ambulance Service Fee. Assessment information is available in our office and also available at VamaNet.com-The Virginia Mass Appraisal Network. Property owners who appeal their property assessment shall notify the Board of Assessment in writing, by completing a Tax Assessment Appeal Form which can be accessed on the Town's website or at the municipal building.

◆ **DeLea Founders Insurance Trust (DFIT)**

A DFIT meeting was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There are now 25 members in the program and Selbyville is going through the approval process to join. This was last quarterly meeting until September at which time that Town will receive a check in the amount of approximately \$31,500 which represents a return of premiums prior to when the DFIT became a self-insured group. Once the funds are received the council will be asked how they would like these funds to be used.

◆ **Technology Planning for Ocean View**

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Town Administrative Official and I met with Mike Nardo, CEO of FuturTech and current IT provided for the Town, to discuss technical and operational planning services for the Town. Current problems and needs include:

- Easier access to files, email, data for remote users;
- A more secure network to protect against hacking and ransomware;
- Too many vendors involved in all aspects of the IT operations;
- Servers and software that will need to be replaced over the next five years.

Mr. Nardo is recommending the Town reduce its reliance on premise based computing and establish a hybrid computing environment using a Microsoft 365 Plan. The cost benefits alone over a five year period will be \$10,500 versus \$30,000. Most files will be stored in the cloud making access from anywhere possible.

Mr. Nardo will put together a transition schedule over the next couple of weeks and FuturTech will set-up three or four work stations that will be used by employees to try out the new work environment before the plan is fully implemented.

**2020 Census**

The first process of the 2020 Census is the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Operation. The LUCA program is a voluntary, once a decade, opportunity that allows local governments to review and update the Census Bureau's Master Address File. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, I attended a LUCA information session which covered a basic understanding about LUCA and how the Town of Ocean View can participate, the program schedule, what is new for LUCA in 2020, and confidentiality and security requirements.