

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
JANUARY 9, 2013 - FEBRUARY 11, 2013

➤ **Hurricane Sandy – Initial Damage Assessment Cost Tabulation**

On February 7, 2013, Finance Director, Lee Brubaker, contacted FEMA representative, David Nantz, to obtain an update on the Town's reimbursement request for expenses incurred during Hurricane Sandy. We expect to receive a reimbursement check sometime in March.

➤ **Town of Ocean View - Emergency Operations Plan**

On February 7, 2013 management staff met with Joe Wessels, Homeland Security Advisor for the League of Local Governments and Dwayne Day, Homeland Security Planner with DeIDOT. Dwayne shared a copy of DeIDOT's Debris Management Plan. Mr. Day also provided the Town with a copy of the Policies and Procedures contained in the plan which will allow the Town to incorporate a Debris Management Program within our Emergency Operations Plan. We again discussed the possibility of hosting a meeting to invite the Town Managers from Millville, South Bethany, and Bethany Beach to discuss the feasibility of creating a regional Debris Management Program.

➤ **Mediacom Franchise Agreement**

On February 8, 2013, Phil Fraga, attorney representing the Southern Delaware Cable Consortium, emailed to state that they are very close to completing the final draft of the Mediacom agreement.

➤ **Town of Ocean View Web site**

On February 5, 2012 management staff meet with representatives from Government Information Center (GIC). They support local governments by providing web design, hosting and training free of charge. GIC currently host 19 sites with several more in process. The Town's current website could be redesigned and ready to launch in 3 to 4 months.

➤ **Public Hearing on FY-14 Operating and Capital Budgets**

A 2nd public hearing on the proposed FY-14 budgets was held on February 7, 2013 at 10:00am. Bill Olsen, 17 Elliott Avenue, was in attendance and raised the following questions and concerns:

1. Olsen questioned a decision to maintain a cash reserve based on two months of operating expense rather than a reserve based on three months of operating expense.
2. Olsen requested the balance in the Emergency Reserve Trust Fund. Mr. Olsen was told the current balance was approximately \$379,000, of which, \$100,000 Council has dedicated to the new DPQ building leaving a balance of about \$280,000 in the account. Mr. Olsen stated the current reserve may not be sufficient referring to the Towns who are still recovering from Hurricane Sandy.
3. Olsen expressed concern over the Town spending more than it is bringing in and suggested that the Council consider raising property taxes.

➤ **Homecoming 2013**

The Homecoming Committee will meet on February 13th at 9:00am to continue planning the May event.

Miscellaneous

- I attended the SCAT Steering Committee Breakfast on January 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne L. Vogel
Town Manager