

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
July 2013

- **Mediacom Franchise Agreement**
The final franchise agreement, a summary highlighting the major changes, and a resolution to adopt the new agreement is included in the packet.
- **Concerts in the Park**
The first "*Concert in the Park*" held on Friday, June 14, 2013 was very well attended. The "Over Time" Band performed and the boy scouts sold out of hot dogs. A second concert has been scheduled for Friday August 16th with the band "Oh Boy!" performing.
- **Traveling Exhibit "The Way We Worked"**
The exhibit was a huge success and gave Ocean View a wonderful opportunity to show case the community. The exhibit in Ocean View was the most successful for the State of DE. Attendance in Ocean View equaled the combined attendance of the other three venues.
- **MSA Funding**
At the June meeting, I stated that MSA Funding might be reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000. On June 20th, the Town was notified that the Bond Bill Committee had just approved an additional \$1,000,000 for Municipal Street Aid. This means with the Governor's requested budget amount and the addition by the Bond Bill Committee, the amount for this year will remain at \$5,000,000.
- **Phase II Sidewalk Improvements**
The State of Delaware Department of Transportation has requested the Town's required match commitment for the Phase II sidewalk Improvement Project. The Town's match commitment is 16% or \$94,700. This work will begin in November 2013 and is due to be completed by March 2014.
- **Delineation of Administrative Responsibilities Between the Police Chief and Town Manager**
A summary has been prepared outlining the administrative responsibilities of the Police Chief and the Town Manager. The Town Charter, Personnel Policy, employee contracts and one Police Policy were used as the basis to create a new document. The Police Chief and I have met several times to review, discuss and recommend changes. A summary of recommended administrative responsibilities for both positions is included in the packet this evening.

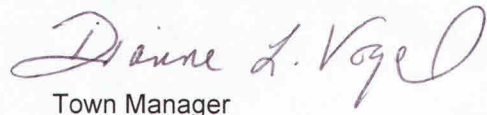
Miscellaneous

- On June 19th, I attended a meeting with the Town's Administrative Official at the County Administrative Building in Georgetown. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), the Flood Insurance Study (FIS), and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Over the next several months each Town must undertake certain activities that will ensure both continued participation in the program and high quality flood insurance rate maps for the Town. The Town must adopt a new or amended floodplain ordinance that meets the National Flood Insurance Program's minimum requirements.
- On June 23rd, I attended a meeting with the Police Chief, Senator Hocker, Representative Ron Gray and members of the Delaware Association for the Deaf at the Wallace A. Melson Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting was to bring awareness to the need for more services for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- Senate House Bill 81 has been widely discussed during the past month. There was a big push by the Teamsters to reduce the number of employees (total) from 25 to 3 in the granting to police

officers and firefighters the right of organization and representation through unions. The bill passed the House. If passed the bill would have been a financial burden for small municipalities. Letters and emails were sent to Senator's asking them to vote no on this bill. As a result of this effort the bill was tabled and we will wait to see what happens in January.

- On June 25th, I met with Terri DeSanto with the Strategic Insurance Partners to discuss the renewal of the Worker's Compensation & Employer's Liability Insurance Coverage.
- On June 28th, I participated in a webinar on the Health Care Reform Act.
- On July 2nd, I attending the pre-bid meeting for the new DPW building. Sealed bids are due on July 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne L. Vogel".

Town Manager