

## **Mayor Report October 9, 2019**

1. Along with Town Manager and Police Chief met with Ocean View and Fenwick Island to discuss ways to improve mutual aid amongst the 3 Police Departments. The goal is to develop ways of working together and improving response time when assistance is required. A Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted and reviewed with the Town Solicitor. The Chief of Police will present this proposal at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop.
2. Attended ACT meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Sen. Carper and the Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) representatives attended the meeting for 30 minutes. The goal of this discussion was for the coastal towns to express their needs from the ACE. South Bethany expressed the continued need for beach replenishment, dredging of the canals and back bay waterways and lastly discussed support for reducing nuisance flooding that occurs in Town. Continued discussion on a change in meeting format where Mayors will discuss current issues and determine a common path forward. This would be a change from the current format of presentations of updates from various agencies and Associations. Also passed a Charter change to alternate the President of ACT yearly among the 7 towns.
3. Along with the Town Manager met with DeIDOT to discuss the use of Rt. 1 Right-of-Way for the use of bike parking. The discussions were very positive and use on the west side of Rt. 1 is being granted.
4. Along with the Town Manager met with DeIDOT to discuss ways of improving pedestrian and bicycle safety on Rt. 1. Again, positive discussions occurred around the need to improve lighting and cross walk identification.
5. Held discussions with the Town Manager and Chief of Police on moving forward with a plan for permit parking on the West side of Rt. 1. A proposal for signage will be brought forward at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop.
6. Held multiple meetings regarding the recent letter from Artesian Water to understand the issues the letter described. With the Town Manager and Councilperson Callaway, met with Artesian to discuss the exact sequence of events that led to a water quality issue, steps taken to resolve the issue and future preventative actions being taken. A point to note is Town Officials were notified of the issue at the same time as property owners. This was received on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Town Manager and I began working on the issue on Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our work has led to Artesian agreeing to attend the October 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting to explain what happened and take questions from our property owners.