

Mayor Report
September 9, 2020

1. Attended teleconferences with the Governor regarding COVID 19 and the public health crisis. These meetings continue to be very informative and provided information for municipalities to make informed thoughtful decisions. Information that was received was passed along to Town Council members.
2. Attended a meeting with ACT. The main discussion concerned what lobbying actions to be taken regarding the proposed Skipjack wind farm. The project is delayed and landfall for the project is no longer Fenwick Island State Park. ACT to have our lobbyist begin work on working with our legislators to limit locations on any newly proposed locations for bringing the power on shore to connect to the grid. Also, to assure that all affected parties are included when discussions are initiated again. In addition, both Bethany Beach and South Bethany will separately reach out to Orsted to receive an update on their planning for the project. Also of note, Maryland Public Service Commission recently approved the larger wind turbines to be used for the project than initially proposed.
3. Along with the Town Manager and subcommittee members, continued to meet with Mediacom representatives concerning service issues and Agreement extension. Discussions continue on improvements required and timeline for changes. The current contract will be extended month to month until plans for improvement are finalized.
4. Along with Maureen Hartman and Joe Hinks attended a meeting with FEMA. Purpose was to obtain information for the FEMA Ad Hoc Committee regarding the methodology utilized for the 2 LOMRs for South Bethany and whether it is consistent with neighboring Towns. The information was provided to the

Committee. FEMA has agreed to have a virtual meeting with Property Owners to review the LOMRs. FEMA also agreed to provide the Town with the final draft map of the coastal side in advance of issuing the second LOMR.

5. Working with the Town Manager to improve the audio system in the Town Council Chambers. The goal is to have a system that improves the ability for public participation.
6. Town Council and committees continue to meet via electronic methods as per the guidelines of the State. Our goal is to continue business as usual to the best of our ability.