

Mayor Report
December 6, 2022

1. Attended the South Bethany Christmas tree lighting celebration.
2. Attend the December ACT meeting on December 1st. DNREC announced that the contract to re-nourish beach dunes for the Delaware coast has been awarded. Contract signature is expected to be completed in December. There is a potential that re-nourishment may go into the end of June 2023. Discussion was held regarding the sequence of each Town Nourishment. I stressed that South Bethany would prefer the sequence goes from South to North so that we do not experience replenishment in the summer season two replenishments in a row.
3. Attended a DNREC Workshop on the economics of beach re-nourishment. DNREC presented the historical analysis of beach re-nourishment and the future financial needs to meet projected future years needs. Much emphasis was brought by DNREC on local community contribution. Breakout sessions were held and all local communities recommended no funding to come municipalities. It was a very interesting discussion on how to fund future beach replenishment. In addition, it was announced that the Army Corp and DNREC signed an agreement to conduct a Back Bay study. This was a significant effort by ACT to push this study forward. It is a very significant step forward as South Bethany has significant effect of flooding from bayside flooding.