



TOWN MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR MONTH OF: September

- ✓ **Town Council Meeting:** Friday, September 8 @ 9:00 am at Town Hall
- ✓ **Town Council Workshop:** Friday, September 22 @ 9:00 am at Town Hall

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - August

Code Enforcement, Joe Hinks

- 6 calls for property violations.
- 4 calls for construction debris
- 4 Unlicensed Contractors found working .
- Issued 1 stop work order.
- Responded to work hours complaint.
- 14 Mercantile licenses issued.
- 23 Building Permits issued.
- 4 Plans reviewed.
- 20 Property inspections
- Visited several sites with TM to assess drainage complaints and Solutions.
- Working with TM and PW on drainage projects/recommendations.
- Located 4 lost Town Drains not on Town maps.
- Located 2 drains that were removed without authorization.
- Working with TM and Mayor on Implementation of ROW recommendations.
- ICC Index research and Possible New Permit Category.
- Met with a few property owners and contractors on future variance requests.
- Met with several property owners to discuss house lifting options and renovations. Shot elevation for BFE.
- Met with property owner regarding swale and ROW drainage. Shot elevations and informed owner of needed work to swale.
- Assisted property owner with finding the ROW location abutting their property.
- Attended BOA hearing.

Public Works, Supervisor Jon Stiffler

- Replaced light ballast in finance office.
- Met L&H contracting at Plymouth Road to look at replacing the damaged drain basin.
- Installed new blades on zero turn.
- Complaint about floating wetland at Sussex place; need to remove.
- Continue 7 day a week cleaning the beach and trash until Labor Day.
- Met with Mayor and USACE on beach at Sandpiper Village.
- Dune fencing is ongoing.
- Worked on erosion on walkways from heavy rains.
- Stoned corner of north 5th due to erosion.
- Inspected drainage complaints on Peterson; most standing water is gone in 24 hours. Code Enforcer reviewing.
- Replaced stop signpost and reported street light damage at W. 7th.
- Inspected dead pine tree complaint at Sussex, awaiting response from DelDOT for confirmation of their ROW.

- Watered plants along Ocean Drive.
- Received estimates to repair blacktop at end of W 7th and fix street cut at Canal.

Beach Patrol, Captain Ryan Dacey

○ **Rescues from Rip Currents**

- 7 yr old boy- caught in rip current
- 5 yr old girl- caught in rip current
- 4 yr old girl- caught in rip current
- 8 yr old girl- caught in rip current
- 10 yr old boy- caught in rip current
- 7 yr old boy- caught in rip current

○ **Injuries**

- 13 yr old boy- broken leg in surf; taken to family vehicle and transported to Beebe.
- 9 yr old boy- jammed neck in shore break; C collar applied and monitored; no further medical attention required.
- 51 yr old Female- broken leg while playing spike ball; transported to hospital via ambulance.
- 74 yr old Male- broken hip while playing whiffleball; transported to Beebe via ambulance.
- 31 yr old Female- dislocated knee in surf; transported to vehicle and taken to hospital.
- 58 yr old Male- torn ligaments in knee in shore break; transported back to his house via ATV.

- Closures for lightning storms
- Lost Kids- 2; found and returned to family.

Town Hall, Town Manager Maureen Hartman

- Meet with residents regarding numerous items.
- Assist mayor, councilmembers, and committee members with various requests.
- Attend weekly beach nourishment calls with Corps of Engineers, Weeks Marine & DNREC.
- Assisted Chief Lovins with administrative items.
- Attended a Plan Implementation and Grants Development (PIGD) workshop on Aug 1.
- Provided information to DEMA for the HMGP grant; notified Aug 30 that HMGP that we were awarded will be obligated at this time due to FEMA reaching a critical funding level that required immediate assistance to address. This consists of Disaster Relief Funding for nationwide emergencies, including the wildfire in Hawaii and Hurricane Idalia. Funding will be paused until the Disaster Relief Fund is sufficiently funded.
- Attended a FEMA cybersecurity/cybercrime class through Texas A&M.
- Conducted site inspections with Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works Director for numerous issues, mostly stormwater related.
- Meeting with Mayor Saxton and Senator Carper's office.
- B&F and Council meeting on August 15.
- Attended the Lifeguard Awards Ceremony with Mayor Saxton. Eric Lutz was South Bethany's lifeguard of the year.
- Meeting with PC Chair and Liaison on Aug 24.
- Along with Chief Lovins, attended a FEMA Hurricane Awareness class in Ocean View, that was presented by the National Disaster Prevention Training Center at the University of Hawaii.
- Working with Joe on ROW compliance.