

Mayor Report
October 9, 2023

1. Attend the September ACT meeting on September 7th. DNREC provided information and update on the Economics of beach nourishment study:

DNREC, Division of Watershed Stewardship, has commissioned a study with IEc (Industrial Economics Inc.) to provide recommendations to the state that reflect data-supported, equitable cost-share ratios for ocean and bay beach nourishment projects in Delaware.

As a part of the project, we are soliciting members for a stakeholder team that we hope will consist of DNREC staff, representatives of community associations (such as ACT) and a few other interested organizations. The team will have quarterly meetings to discuss and provide feedback on the status of the project as developed by IEc.

2. Attended a meeting with Bethany Beach, and Sea Colony regarding the renewal of the BBFD EMS agreement. The Agreement is set to renew in January 2024.
3. Attended the Closeout Meeting with USACE and DNREC for the 2023 DE beach re-nourishment. Walked the beach to review the fencing for the dune and the handicap walkway. The beach and dune fencing looked excellent during the walkthrough. Requested a either a sand fence or post and rope fence be place at the north end of the Federal dune. I am working to meet with Jesse Hayden on gaining the fencing.
4. Met with Maureen Hartman, Joe Hinks and Mike Powell regarding the South Bethany Flood Plain Ordinance. Mike confirmed that Code

Enforcement is interpreting the ordinance correctly. Also confirmed that FEMA is not concerned with any Fee structure but rather the need for tracking. Requested Joe Hinks to send one more email to his FEMA contact requesting a meeting to discuss the Ordinance.

5. Continued to work with the small working group on strategic planning for the Town.
6. Met with constituents on a variety of issues.