



## Mayor's Monthly February 2025

### NEWS & INFO

#### York Road Flood Mitigation Project

The next meeting of the Resiliency Committee will be **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** The AECOM team will present their (final) recommended measures for flood mitigation on York Road. There will be time allotted for residents' comments to the Committee and questions for the project consultants. The link for remote attendance is posted on the meeting agenda on the Town website.

#### Offshore Wind Update

Last week, an Executive Order was issued by the President regarding offshore wind projects. The order temporarily halts the issuance of any new leases or federal permits for offshore wind projects. It is not clear at this time how previously approved projects, including the US Wind project off the coast of Ocean City, may be affected.

Prior to the Order, the Sussex County Council voted to deny US Wind a permit to construct a new electric substation on land adjoining the Indian River power plant in Dagsboro. The denial is being appealed in Delaware Superior Court. In addition, federal (BOEM) approval of the US Wind project is being challenged in federal court by the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, and other entities.

The Town continues to post, when available, new information and developments regarding offshore wind projects on its website under the "Offshore Wind" tab.

#### Police Department News

Congratulations to Officer Matthew Boyd who was named 2025 South Bethany Officer of the Year! Officer Boyd will be recognized at the Joshua M. Freeman First Responder Awards later this month.

A warm welcome to Tyler Bare who joined the SBPD in December. A ten-year veteran officer, Officer Bare is the grandson of South Bethany's very first police chief!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Coffee with the Mayor

Ask questions and join me for informal discussion on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. at Town Hall.

#### Town Council Meetings

Regular meeting: Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., in-person or via Zoom

Workshop: Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., in-person or via Zoom

#### Town Hall Closed

Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.

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