

## **APRIL 2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BIKE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (Shields)**

- Mayor Dondero, Chief Lovins and Bob Shields attended the Bethany Beach Learning / Sharing Workshop for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety on March 26. Representatives from Coastal communities presented their challenges, needs and ideas. Bob Shields presented on South Bethany and discussed our Bike Rodeo plans and our Crosswalk Pilot Project (orange flags at crosswalks).
- Next B&PSC meeting is planned for April 23 to continue preparations for the Bike Rodeo.

### **BUDGET & FINANCE (Bartholomew)**

Although there has been no meeting this past month. Future agenda items should include:

1. Review an updated depreciation schedule related to the ARM and update the 10-year projection for the uses of the funds. Determine the appropriate balance of the account for future allocations.
2. Discuss the investment options allowed under the current Investment Policy that would include longer-term funds.
3. As in prior years, delay the formal April's Treasurer's report until later in the month of May since this is the year-end report.
1. Open the previously approved 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanguard account to segregate the General Fund from the Realty Tax Fund per the auditor's recommendations. This would be with the new Treasurer on the account.

### **CHARTER & CODE (Giler)**

The Charter and Code Committee met on March 6, 2026. Five of six members were present, Chris Banschbach, Carl Bittenbender, Eric Compton (by zoom), Mark Giler, Scott Gentillucci and Maria Vershel. And Joe Hinks (via zoom). Two members of the public spoke both in favor of a lighting ordinance. One also expressed concern over leaves still needing to be picked up.

The meeting focused on a possible exterior lighting ordinance. All members were engaged. The topics discussed included: color temperature (Kelvin), brightness (Lumens) and intensity (Foot-Candles); shielding and facing; motion sensors; soffit lighting; height limitations; enforcement (including obtaining input from the South Bethany Police Department); retroactivity; prior review and approval of lighting and the possible impacts of such a requirement; and curfews. The chairman agreed to construct a preliminary ordinance for all members to review.

## **RESILIENCY (Dondero)**

The Committee last met on February 18 and is scheduled to meet again on April 15.

Resiliency projects currently underway include:

- York Road phase 1, the raising of a portion of York Road
- York Road phase 2, engineering analysis and design of flood mitigation measures (AECOM)
- Coastal analysis of bulkhead and floodplain elevations (Verdantas)

The Committee is awaiting word from DEMA/FEMA regarding if and when the BRIC grant award for Cat Hill flood mitigation will be received.

While mitigation efforts are underway, the Committee is discussing possible ordinance changes, education and outreach efforts, and other potential future projects.