



2014

STATE OF THE TOWN

FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Revenues



- Awarded \$61,225 in Community Transportation Funding for paving projects
- Received \$5,712 from the Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Fund to begin the first of a three phase historic district resurvey
- \$1,000 mini-grant from Delaware Preservation Fund to fund repairs at Town Hall
- Homeland Security sub-grant received through Delaware Emergency Management Agency, \$30,000 which funded security fencing

Revenues, Expenditures

Comparison of Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014



- Property Tax collections increased \$29,200; Transfer Tax increased \$189,400
- Building Permits increased \$59,700
- Auctioned surplus inventory
- Renewed 3 year waste removal contract with Republic Services – annual savings to citizens \$32,000 in residential utility accounts
- Utility fund revenues increased \$82,100
- General fund decreased expenses \$98,500, 6.7% under budget in FY '14; Utility fund increase in expenses \$50,500, 4.7 % under budget in FY '14

Amounts reflect activity prior to the completion of the 2014 audit

Administrative



- Employment – 6 new employees during the year to fill resignations
- Insurance – Joined the DFIT program, purchasing consortium with other municipalities
- Health Benefits – Joined the State of Delaware system, cost savings of \$17,000
- Achieved effectiveness with working together and communicating between all departments
- More involvement with the Delaware League of Local Governments and Sussex County Association of Towns

Administrative



- University of Delaware, Institute of Public Administration, Municipal Clerk training
- Successful Financial Audit
- Ordinance providing tax exemption to installation of Geothermal, Wind, and Solar
- Resolution to promote Water Conservation
- Storm surge sensor installed by USGS
- Town wide lighting study was completed

Code



- Review and draft updates of Town Code and Charter
- Involvement with the review and draft of updates relating to the Comprehensive Plan
- Continued assistance to businesses, developers, construction, and potential buyers
- Enforcement of Codes
- Residential Building Permits increased by 8
- 10 new businesses were opened; 3 Delaware Economic Development – Pop Up program

Public Works - Water



- Continued replacement of old meters (12), located two service lines without meters
- Repaired water main leaks
- Check valves and new meter installation resulted in the determination of unaccounted water
- Upgrades to the pipes, pumps, and manifold in Chandler Street Well House
- Repaired Well #2 and improvements made to Well #5
- Project approval: Shipbuilders Water Tower
- Fencing installed to secure water facilities
- Replacement of 6 fire hydrants
- Excellent water quality

Public Works - Streets



- Town Street patching project
- State Road patching project
- Paving of Strawberry Alley
- First year of signage replacement
- Painting of parking spaces and curbs
- Replaced 100' of curbing Town wide
- Repaired 4 storm drains on Chestnut Street

Public Works - Parks



- Trimmed limbs, trees, bushes
 - Removed dead trees
 - Cleaned and painted the Gazebo, benches
 - Installed news signs; made repairs to others
 - Maintained grass, weeds, mulch, and safety chips
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- Training for Public Works employees

Police



- Improved communication with Town Administration
- Improved trusting relationship with Town Administration
- Allocated grant funding for park lighting
- Provided professional and courteous police service with extreme manpower shortage
- Maintained enforcement and closed several major crimes cases
- Safety of all officers

Thank You



- Mayor and Council
- Employees
- Boards, Committees, and Commissions
- People of Milton