

## Monthly Mayor's Report – July 2022

As we continue through the summer and our efforts to make positive changes within the Town Office, we saw the departure of our staff from the Public Works Department. While we appreciate all the years of work put in by Bradley Ward, we are excited to welcome new staff and with them, some new ideas and improvements within our town. Along with a new Town Supervisor starting, we also had a new Office Assistant begin this month. With these last two hires, that leave only two positions vacant, the Town Maintenance Technician in Public Works and the Town Clerk. I anticipate filing the Maintenance Tech position in the next two weeks and hopefully the Town Clerk soon after.

Summer also brings a few annual requirements for our Town. Every August, we must look to see which Commissioner/Mayor seat(s) are up for election in the fall. Our Town elects our Commission to two-year terms which means that every year, three seats are open, and on the even years, the Mayor seat is also open. This year is one of those years so we will have 3 commission seats and the mayor seat. If interested in running, applications will be available in the office and online beginning Wednesday, August 10, 2022. The second major requirement that happens each summer is setting the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year as well as the TRIM/Millage rate for the upcoming year. Tonight, we will be setting our tentative millage rate that we will be using as we establish our budget. The rate that we set tonight is not a guaranteed rate, but merely a starting point. As a Commission, we may lower the rate, but we cannot increase it from this point. All residents will receive a TRIM notice in the mail and be notified of the budget hearing. From there we will have additional meetings, accept public input, and decide as a Commission on our millage rate for the next year. Additionally, we will approve the FY2020/2023 budget.

In the next few weeks, school will be starting up again. That means that school buses will again be in our neighborhood, more kids will be out during peak traffic hours, and we can expect to see more vehicles on our roads as cut through traffic will likely pick up again. Please be aware as you navigate our roads.

Lastly, we are continuing to meet weekly as a Commission as we endeavor to leave the Town better than it was when we started. I am hopeful that as we fill the last of our vacancies, these meetings will be turned back towards the goal of revamping the employee handbook. In closing, I am thankful for this team around me who have all continued to donate their time and talents as well as the countless volunteers who have been helping us along the way.

Thank you for the privilege to serve,

Tabitha Niemann, Mayor