



## Town Manager Report

Month of October 2023

We have completed the ninth month of the calendar year. I want to continue giving an overview as part of my manager report.

1. On Monday, October 2, 2023, Governor Roy Cooper signed a state disaster declaration for the Town of Landis for the debris cleanup from the EF-1 tornado on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - a. This process began with Mayor Smith declaring the State of Emergency. Staff worked with the Rowan County Emergency Services and NC State Emergency Management to get this debris removed from our right of ways. The State and County Agencies were very helpful to staff in getting this declaration to the Governor's Office. We appreciate Governor Roy Cooper's support in signing this declaration.
2. Matthew Geelen has been named the Chief of Police. Chief Geelen has an incredible work ethic and has a clear vision for the Landis Police Department. I have great confidence that under his leadership, both citizens and employees will have an unwavering police force to be proud of.
3. Staff have been working with the Rowan County Emergency Services for Storm Preparedness for any future events.
4. The Generator has arrived at Town Hall and that project is expected to be completed by the end of October.
5. Disconnect Day will still be the third Wednesday of each month.
6. We will have our Fall Festival coming up on October 28, 2023. Staff have been working diligently on this event, and we encourage all citizens to come and be a part of this large event.
7. Staff have reapplied for more Stormwater Grant funding to deal with sinkhole issues around Town. We are working on other funding opportunities to address these issues as well.
8. Mayor Smith and I worked with Representative Crutchfield and Senator Ford on Town projects and requested appropriations from the State Budget to complete. Since the State Budget has been approved, we will receive 2.5 million dollars for a Water Line Project, and \$100,000 for downtown revitalization. We appreciate Representative Crutchfield, and Senator Ford for their support, and assistance in this process.

Please stop by my office or contact me directly if you have any issues or concerns.

Thank you,

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