



Town Manager Report

Month of May 2025

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

1. I am pleased to announce our budget has been presented to you with a ZERO Cent increase, while maintaining the same level of service to citizens. This budget does include several capital improvement projects that are needed for the town, while keeping the tax rate at revenue neutral. Infrastructure projects will continue to improve the quality of service, and the reliability of the town's utility services.
2. The pool hours have been limited due to staffing shortages. The Town is actively hiring for lifeguards and pool personnel to allow for more flexible hours.
3. Town Staff and I have been working with FEMA to secure our reimbursement funds from the 2023 Tornado Event, Tropical Storm Debby, and Hurricane Helene damages. This process is still ongoing, and will take some time; however, the town will be able to recover most of the damage these storms caused. The first and final reimbursement for Tropical Storm Debby was received by Town Staff in May 2025, and will go to the board, in the form of a resolution, for the board to officially accept the funding.
4. Mr. Locklear and I have been working on the restitution that is owed to the Town from Reed Linn, and Ginger Gibson's 401k retirement account. The amount that was awarded to the town was \$143,261.74, and this will be in the form of a resolution for the board to accept into the town's budget. The board will decide where this money is spent, or whether to place this funding back into fund balance.
5. The Town's Wayfinding Sign Project is almost complete with a few more signs to be installed. This project should be wrapped up by the end of August 2025.
6. The Town's 2024 paving contract is behind schedule (according to the contractor) however it should be completed in the Summer/Fall of 2025. We will post the affected roadways on our website, and social media outlets around that timeframe, so citizens will be aware of any detours.
7. The South Main Street/Upright Street Sewer Line Replacement Project should be completed by the end of July 2025. This timeline is set forth by the state, and the ARPA funding designation. The contractor advised me this deadline should be met without any issues, provided the weather does not hold them up any longer.

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

Thank you,
Michael D. Ambrose