



Town Manager Report Month of February 2025

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

1. The Elevated 150,000 Gallon Water Tank Grant Project construction has begun at the Town's Public Works Facility. This tank project is fully funded from State ARPA dollars, and did not require a local match. This tank will increase the water flow on the system and area.
2. The Lake Landis Dam Project has completed phase 1, which was to remove all vegetation from the dam. The next phase will consist of breaching the dam to make the necessary repairs, and this will take some time. Town Staff are working with State Partners to secure funding for the project, so this dam can be fully repaired.
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 will take some time; however, the town will be able to recover most of the damages these storms caused.
4. Town Staff are continuing to search for and secure grant funding for all departments. The Town currently has received over 11 million dollars in funding, which requires administration of those funds through monthly, quarterly, and yearly progress reports. These reports take extensive time, and effort to stay on top of them so the town doesn't lose the grant funding. Therefore, I propose this month to add an Accounting Technician 2 position who will oversee all the reporting and ensure the funds are returned to the town.
5. The other position being proposed is for a facilities manager in our Parks and Recreation Department. This position will oversee the pool functions during the summer months, and the other facilities outside of Lake Corriher Wilderness Park in the off season.
6. The Town's Wayfinding Sign Project is finally moving forward. This project was funded and executed by Rowan County Tourism, and town staff are excited to see this project come to fruition. The Town appreciates Rowan County Tourism's partnership to make the signage a reality.
7. The Town's 2024 paving contract is behind schedule (according to the contractor) however it should be completed in the Spring 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.
8. South Main Street / South Upright Street Sewer Line Replacement Project remains in the construction phase. Town Staff will post on social media, and webpages, as soon as we are notified of any roadway closures, or temporary outages that this project could bring.

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

Thank you,
Michael D. Ambrose