



Town Manager Report Month of January 2024

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

1. Lake Landis, Corriher, and Warrior Dams have some issues as identified with NCDEQ. The Town has explored some grant opportunities for correcting these issues, however the grant application requires an Action Plan that must be provided by an Engineer. Staff have begun working with Schnabel Engineering, and this firm has assured us they can get the action plan delivered to us prior to the spring grant application deadline.
2. The Town Hall remodel has been complete. This remodel has improved the function of Town Hall by adding a central window for our citizens to conduct transactions, improving and an additional conference room, and providing more office space for staff. I appreciate everyone's patience throughout this project.
3. The Mount Moriah/W Ryder water line, and the elevated water tank grant projects are pending North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality review. As soon as these are approved the projects will move forward as soon as possible.
4. The sewer line project on South Main Street is moving forward as it has just been approved by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. This project should be off the ground by summer and will include rehabbing the Upright Lift Station which is expected to cure the inflow and infiltration issue we are currently experiencing.
5. I have been continually involved in meetings about stormwater, stormwater funding sources, and ways to improve our stormwater infrastructure needs. The Town has applied for an additional \$400,000 in grant funding for this issue.
6. The Town is currently working with SEPI to develop an estimate for paving some of our City Roadways. A paving quote will be provided to the Board in the March 2024 meeting. This will include roadways that have been recommended for repair, through the last SEPI review.
7. Utility Billing Staff are continually auditing all Utility Billing Records to ensure we have the correct information for all customers that is needed on file. I appreciate everyone's patience with staff during this process.

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

Thank you,
Michael D. Ambrose