



## **Town Manager Report Month of December 2024**

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

1. The NCDEQ alerted the Town January 2025, stating the Town reached a population of 5510, therefore additional water testing is expected each month. When a municipality reaches over 5,000 residents, the testing requirements double and therefore this creates more work on our staff. Town Staff have also seen meter tampering on the rise over the past year, and Town Staff need to move forward with the meter replacement project; therefore, I am requesting a Meter Technician and Water Resources Technician be added to the Team. This will allow for capital/metering projects to continue, with also keeping up with the demand of regulatory agencies, and development in the Town.
2. The Town 2024 Paving is behind schedule (according to the contractor) however it should be completed in the Spring of 2025. We will post the affected streets on our website, and social media outlets around that timeframe, so citizens will be aware of any detours.
3. The Mount Moriah Church Road/West Ryder Avenue water line, and the elevated water tank grant projects have been approved with additional State funding by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). If final bids are approved at the January 2025 Board of Aldermen Meeting, these projects will be under construction in 2025.
4. Downtown Revitalization Project on Central Avenue is in full swing. This project is expected to be completed by the end of the month and will cause some partial road closures while being constructed. This project was fully funded by NC State Appropriations, and a local match was not required.
5. The Town has received \$300,000 from the NC Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Grant Program to help with some of our PL-566 Watershed Dam challenges at Lake Landis. These challenges were identified by our recent NCDEQ inspection. The Town has accepted bids and will present these bids in the February 2025 regularly scheduled meeting for the vegetation removal off Lake Landis Dam. Lake Landis and Lake Corriher Lake Levels have continued to be lowered to keep pressure off the dams.
6. The New Landis Fire Engine (Engine 441) is still undergoing some warranty work and will hopefully be "in service" by the end of January 2025. Once this fire engine is "road ready" there will be a fire ceremony for the Landis Community prior to the truck going "in service".
7. 12KV Conversion has begun on the east side of Landis, from S Chapel Street to Dial Street. The citizens who live on the east side of town may see some minor outages during this conversion.

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

Thank you,  
Michael D. Ambrose