



MEMORANDUM

TO: Warsaw Town Council

FROM: Joseph N. Quesenberry, Town Manager

DATE: 11/13/2025

RE: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members,

Please find my Town Manager's report for the month of October and the beginning of November. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss any items further.

1. Warsaw Fest Recap

On behalf of the Warsaw Town Council and Staff, I'd like to extend a THANK YOU to the Warsaw Richmond County Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in hosting another successful Warsaw Fest in downtown Warsaw. Special thanks to Chamber President Sara Carroll and her team for continuing this local tradition in great fashion. Another thank you to our Town employees for assisting during the day of the event, decorating across Town and building the parade float, and to our Council and staff that joined us for the parade. We're already looking forward to next year!

2. Trunk or Treat Recap

Thank you to the Warsaw Richmond County Main Street Program for another great year!

The crowds were as large as always and the Town was filled with happy families as their children celebrated Halloween in a safe and welcoming environment. Thank you to all those that handed out candy, with a special thanks to our Warsaw Police Department as they handled traffic and crowd control and brought their families to assist with handing out candy.

3. Economic Development Update

We are continuing our work with a national distribution firm to identify space for new construction in Town. We are still in hopes of being able to utilize the last of the available land in the Commerce Park for this development. We will keep you posted as things progress. We also have interest by a national climate-controlled storage facility group in Town on a large parcel that may house indoor and outdoor storage, potentially including boats, campers, and other large items. We hope to have more information as this progresses.

4. Relish Restaurant Incident

On behalf of the Town Council and Staff, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the Relish Restaurant Family as they recover from the fire damage. As always, we are here to help in any way that we can during this difficult time.

5. Council / Department Head Retreat Recap

I want to thank our Council members that attended the recent Retreat that was held here at Town Hall in October. It was highly beneficial, and we learned and had refreshers on many things regarding operations of local government in Virginia, Council – Manager relations and functions, as well as the teambuilding exercises between group members. For those that could not attend, I hope that the materials given to you will be of assistance and interest. As always, I'm here to answer any questions that you may have.

6. International City-County Manager's Association Conference (ICMA)

I had the pleasure of traveling to Tampa and to speak on the topic of "Get the Right Project with the Right Impacts: How to Attract and Evaluate Economic Development Projects for Small Localities." My colleagues, India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager of Bowling Green, and Dr. Sheryl Bailey, Professor at Virginia Tech, joined me for this conversation. The conference had a record breaking 5,500 attendees and our session had 250 participants. I was excited and honored to represent Warsaw during such a prestigious event in our field.

7. Christmas Town, to be discussed later in the agenda, will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 11AM to 6PM in beautiful downtown Warsaw. Parade details will be sent to you in the coming weeks.