

Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 146)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, December 4, 2015

- We have received word from our paving contractor, Asphalt Paving of Shelby, that they plan to begin the Town's FY2015-16 Budgeted sections of pavement re-surfacing on Friday, December 11th, weather permitting.
- You all may be wondering why we haven't yet received, or scheduled a presentation to receive the completed Comprehensive Financial Report (Audit) for the Fiscal-Year-ended June 30, 2015. We are now told by our Auditors that the Local Government Commission of the State Treasurer's Office has instituted some recent additional GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) reporting requirements that must be included in this year's Audits, and, as a result, has given all NC municipalities additional time (through December 31st, 2015) to complete this year's Audit.
- I have now completed the Township Grant Application which we will submit to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, per their recent request, relative to our application for \$300,000 in Caromont Lease proceeds toward the Waste-water inter-connect line connecting the Dallas system to the Long Creek Plant. The only attachment still missing, is the promised Letter of Commitment from the city of Gastonia (showing they will cover their portion of the project) which, upon receipt will be attached in sent in prior to the December 31st deadline.
- I have also made contact this week with Bob Clay, of Coldwell Banker-MECA Realty, to discuss the Town's desire to have he and his firm represent the Town in the marketing of the 16.5-acre parcel of undeveloped real property near Ingles and U.S.321. He is putting together a representation agreement which I expect to receive and review in the next week. One of the important issues that will be dealt with as we move forward in this marketing effort will be to clearly define the current state of physical access to the property, and then, should their prove to be obstacles, remedy them appropriately to make the parcel saleable to the kinds of Commercial entities we hope to attract. I will provide updates as we move forward.
- The full Board of the Gaston-Cleveland Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization gave final approval on Wednesday to the Town's Request to re-allocate our Federal CMAQ sidewalk Grant Funds to the project along Dallas-Cherryville Highway and Dallas-High Shoals. This was the last step necessary to authorize the "switch" of Funding, so the Town can now move forward with NCDOT in the designing and programming of the project work.
- In Personnel Matters, our new Water Treatment Plant Superintendent/ORC, Zachery Foreman, begins his full-time duties as a Town of Dallas employee beginning Monday, December 7th. Meanwhile, at the Police department, long-time Dispatcher/Records Clerk Connie Cobb has left

the Town's employ for another opportunity and we will be filling that open, day-shift position with an internal promotion, while the night-shift Dispatcher position which will open up as a result, will be advertised locally beginning Sunday, December 6th.

- Dallas' traditional Holiday event, "Carols on the Square" will begin at 6:30 p.m. this evening. The Town's new Nativity scene will likely be a focus of local media coverage – knowing there is an event and a public, Holiday gathering tonight. The scene will be displayed and arranged in a manner that Town Attorney Hunn believes is consistent with what recent legal precedent would suggest is permissible for display on public property.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Palenick, Town Manager