



## **Interim Town Manager's Report**

### **Greensboro Street Lift Station**

- Third request for reimbursement has been submitted.
- Construction 62% complete based on time but a new schedule may be needed because of waiver delays discussed previously.
- Constructed concrete columns, second floor slab and beams, including electrical conduit placement in slab, and ground level concrete curb walls.
- Installed structural steel frame and monorail beam on the second-floor slab for vacuum pump removal.
- Contractor received delivery of vacuum skid and pump control panel, and they have been set in place on the second-floor slab.

### **Block Q Restrooms & Parking**

- Surveyor laying out the site and crews plan to start work the week of 5/12.
- Building pad grading should begin 5/14 and under-slab rough-in the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- New completion date is 8/20/25.

### **Ocean Boulevard Stormwater**

- USACE planned to attend the May meeting to brief board on EI project funding and the Project Partnership Agreement but they had turnover based on federal changes. They will join us in June.

### **Pier Site**

- Second meeting with staff and HDR was held May 15<sup>th</sup>

### **FEMA**

- Memo released from FEMA to OMB suggesting that beaches should be removed from eligible disaster assistance. Holden Beach sent a letter to the delegation to discuss the importance of beaches also stating that creative project execution that results in cost savings is a more productive way to approach reform. Interim Town Manager Ferguson also spoke at American Shore and Beach Preservation Government Affairs Committee meeting on 5/15 regarding award-winning project execution.
- Once you receive funding it is not always final--- The Town was required to refund \$2970.48 back to FEMA through the Dept of Public Safety because they are closing out COVID damages. The refunded amount was related to digital signs the town purchased to use for communication purposes. FEMA follows a disposition schedule, and we are required to remit payment based on their closeout timing.

### **NCBIWA Spring Meeting**

- The NC Beach Inlet and Waterway Association Spring Meeting was held May 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> in Emerald Isle. The meeting was productive with session updates from the Corps, the

Division of Coastal Management, the Division of Water Resources, a NC Legislative panel and other technical sessions specific to coastal issues. Of specific interest:

Across the board in many presentations there is a continued theme that federal funding is UNCLEAR as to availability and levels.

There were approximately 20 applications submitted to the RCCP program the Town applied to last month.

The state's rainy-day fund is taking a hit from Hurricane Helene and legislators fear hurricane season impacts. Tourism industry suffered statewide after Helene because of misunderstanding about the status of the state.

More variances are being granted for dune infiltration systems along the coast.

#### **Public Service Appreciation Week**

- May 5-9<sup>th</sup> was Public Service Appreciation Week. In meeting with the staff, I have two things to point out to the BOC:
  1. Amazing that the amount of work that gets done in the Town is done by only 26 employees in currently filled positions
  2. Less than half of the employees have served the Town for 5 years or more. This is mainly your department heads.

Rank	Objective	Status	Timeline	Area of Responsibility
#2	ADA Self Assessment	In House Evaluation Planning and Inspections Dept working on outline and timeline	Working on first takedowns: Jordan Blvd. (103.5) walkway Handrails at Halstead completed	P&I Department
#6	ADA Bathroom (Block Q)	Survey work complete; construction beginning	August completion	Staff/Architect
#7	Fire Station Upgrades	Fire Dept currently using EOC during mainland reno Planning and Inspections Director Evans met with dept	Fire Dept. and Planning Department to begin discussions	Staff/ Fire Dept
#8	Audio/Video Upgrades	New camera system installed; Moved to YouTube broadcast	Received compliments on new system	Staff
#14	Block Q site plan-concert venue	BOC voted to start on concert venue segment at April meeting	Interim Manager in discussions with architect over price	BOC to put back on agenda
#18	Update Town Website	Update completed a few years ago; project page added Accessibility being evaluated as part of ADA assessment above	see ADA self assessment above	Staff
#19	Pier Replacement	HDR working on rebuild option only with instructions from April meeting	August deliverable of a summary report	BOC
#26	Investigate vacuum bypass system	Not in 24/25 budget/ PW recommendation/research needed	TBD	PW Dept