

Town of Blacksburg

Memo

TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Dalton Pierce, MPA, Town Administrator

DATE: September 13th, 2022

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – August 2022



The Administrators report will be published each month for the Town of Blacksburg Citizens to be informed of Town activities and updates. In addition, this report is provided at each regular scheduled Town Council Meeting. I am pleased to send you an update on the Town's recent activities for the month of August 2022. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information at dalton@townofblacksburg.com or 864-839-2332.

1. The Town's fourth concert of the Summer Concert Series was held on August 13, 2022, at the Lime Street Park Amphitheater with the theme "Glowing Back to School".
2. Lime Street Park Project is completed with Pay Application 5, which has been paid through funding from ARC Grant Program. The Town has completed the closeout phase of this project.
3. Aesthetic Concepts, LLC, submitted the final renderings of a stage for the amphitheater at Lime Street Park. The Town is awaiting a cost estimate for the project and shop drawings for the stage from the structural engineer. This will accompany the grant application for the MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant for \$25,000.
4. Town Administrator is working with a third-party engineering firm and an Architectural firm on a pre-construction cost estimate for the new Town Hall. Currently awaiting proposal to complete cost estimation.
5. The Town staff meet with Duke Energy on-site and is awaiting a cost estimate for the lighting layout at Lime Street Park and the power extension to the amphitheater.
6. The Town Administrator and Planning & Zoning Commission Chairwoman meet with Aesthetic Concepts, PPLC, for a second meeting to discuss the project schedule & historical documentation. Also, preliminary discussion about Zoning Map, Zoning definitions, and Zoning Ordinance Document. The Town has received the definition document and updated zoning ordinance document
7. Town's Rural Infrastructure Authority TTHM Grant Project has awarded Double R Utilities the contract in the amount of \$496,000 with the construction of corrective action measures completed. The Town's public works staff is working closely with RIA and SCHEC to close out this project.
8. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works had 146 total work orders.
9. Town was set to receive a new knuckle boom truck in September, but due to supply chain issues and shortages of necessary parts the new knuckle boom truck will be delivered towards the end of the year.
10. Town has completed the fifth month of the fiscal year 2023. The Town has spent approximately 32.6% of the current budget of \$3,375,000.
11. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 211 calls for service in August of 2022, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
12. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 60 calls for service in August of 2022, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
13. The Town's Administration is awaiting the FY22 preliminary audit findings, continuing to work with 120water to complete the lead and copper compliance process, attend training and other professional association meetings, Administration is continuing to respond to development inquiries and issuing zoning permits, Town is awaiting reassessment data from Cherokee County to review, Leadership team meeting held 9/7/2022, Preparing for FY24 Budget Planning, grant planning to replace park equipment, and Administration is reviewing the capital improvement project program and identifying potential grants applicable to the projects with the assistance from a third party engineering consultant and ACOG to leverage SCIIP funds to pursue \$7.5 million in infrastructure improvements.