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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: March 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – February 2024

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 regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information at shane@townofblacksburg.com or 864-839-2332.

1. The Town Administrator has been working with DHEC and the State Revolving Fund, along with the Town Engineering on the initial phase of the \$1,500,000 Principal Forgiveness Grant that was awarded to address upgrades to the Cherokee St water line and the installation of 2 separate booster pumps.
2. The Town Administrator continues working with the Board of Public Works, Cherokee County Economic Development, the Town's Engineering and ACOG on possible expansion of water to strategic areas of possible development.
3. The Town Administrator has been working with multiple developers on several possible upcoming projects and on annexation possibilities. There are multiple annexation petitions currently being drafted by the Town Attorney.
4. The Town Administration continues working with the Town's Attorney and the Board of Public Works to finalize details pertaining to the sewer system transfer agreement.
5. The Town Administrator met with ACOG representatives in January to discuss several possible grant opportunities over the next year.
6. The Town Administrator met with RIA (Rural Infrastructure Administration) on a possible grant opportunity to expand water in the Northwest corner of the district.
7. The Town Administrator met with a design professional to look at revitalization design option for the downtown area and has more meetings lined up in March to discuss potential design and funding options.
8. The Town Administrator attended an Appalachian Regional Commission meeting concerning locating, applying for and managing grants and has applied for a free 9 week training program on this topic.
9. The Town Administrator attended 3 of Coach Elliott's history classes at Blacksburg High School on February 15th to discuss local government participation and the Town of Blacksburg's daily operations.
10. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works had 65 total work orders in February.
11. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 220 calls for service in February 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
12. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 51 calls for service in February 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
13. Town has completed the 11th Period of FY24. The Town has spent approximately 73.8% of the FY24 budget of \$3,580,764.