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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: February 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – January 2025

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 continues 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 separate booster pumps. Surveying has been completed at this time. Construction is expected to begin in early 2025.
2. The Town Administrator has been working on and has submitted the READY Local Government Internal Capacity grant application which was due on December 9, 2024. The Town has been assigned a project coordinator through ARC and expect to be notified over the next couple of months on any awards.
3. The Town Administration is working to secure funding for the initial phases of the Town's Streetscape Master Plan. The Town Administrator has several meetings with grant agencies over the next several weeks on possible funding.
4. The Town Administrator continues working with CC&I Services and other stakeholders to address several troubled and dilapidated structures to make the Town and the Town's Core Commercial District more attractive and marketable.
5. The Town Administrator has been working diligently on acquiring quotes and updated costs for budget development.
6. The Town Administrator is attending Management and Supervision Training in Local Government through the Appalachian Council of Governments.
7. The Town Administrator has applied to FEMA for Public Assistance to help recoup expenses related to Hurricane Helene and begun meeting with FEMA in January 2025. The Town Administration Department is working weekly with FEMA on required documentation, timelines, and possible reimbursement.
8. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
9. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 313 calls for service in January of 2025.
10. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 70 calls for service in January of 2025.
11. The Town has completed the 9th Period of FY25. The Town has spent approximately 76.29% of the FY25 budget of \$3,240,650.