

MANAGER'S REPORT
January 12, 2017

Dog License Reminder – A reminder that dog owners must license their dogs prior to January 31st to avoid a \$25 late fee!

Broadband Grant – The next phase of our Broadband grant includes a survey that will be sent to many local businesses. There will be a broader survey of residents following the business survey. We encourage everyone who receives a survey to take a few minutes and fill it out. The results will help greatly in moving this project forward.

Zero Sort – I am pleased to report that zero sort seems to be working. After some initial bugs, things are becoming easier – and residents are doing a tremendous job! We had estimated that we would need to ship recyclables twice a month – and thus far we have had to do so pretty much on a weekly basis due to the volume being received. That is excellent! The goal is to reduce the amount of solid waste that we send for disposal – and it appears that is exactly what is happening. We have started this program well in advance of the trash disposal changes that will take place in 2018 and are well on our way to reducing the impending higher cost of disposal as a result.

Budget Process – I have requested that Department Heads submit their budget requests to me by February 10th. The budget is due to the Council by March 13th and I will have a proposed budget hearing schedule for your consideration at the January 26th Council meeting.

Comprehensive Plan – I am pleased to report that the Comprehensive Planning Committee has completed its work on a draft of the plan that is being submitted to the state for consistency. Once that evaluation has been done, it will be forwarded to the Town Council for consideration and adoption. This has been a long process involving a tremendous amount of work by many people. Many thanks to Jef Fitzgerald for keeping the wheels on this bus through significant staffing and community changes.

Gainer Mobile Home Foreclosure – We had no bids for the mobile home that is foreclosed on the private lot. I will get quotes for removal of it for consideration at the next Council meeting.