February 2022 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

Randall Woods started in his position as a full-time code enforcer. Already, Randall has done a fantastic job and has caught dozens of abandoned vehicles and projects being constructed without a permit. For example, over one 5 day work week there was not a single day that went by where a non-permitted project was not detected. Please contact me if you see construction work that looks suspicious or where permits are not present in the windows. Work that is identified and has already begun without a permit results in a doubling of the permit fee. Last week, one project was caught twice attempting to perform work on a property AFTER a stop work order was placed. This is also a serious violation and results in a citation being issued to the property.

As always, I would like to encourage residents to contact the Borough at (610)522-1305 or email me personally at manager@folcroftborough.org if they would like to discuss or dispute a fine or if they can commit to help correct a situation. Residents who would like to report a violation or for general questions can do so anonymously at the same number and email.

Highway:

Shawn Payne, always a wonderful resource, found some steel plating online to cover holes in the street via a federal (military) surplus website. The total cost of this was approximately 1/16th of the price for new plating. Good work, Shawn! The highway department is currently in the process of setting up the community garden. A local business donated several raised beds to the Borough for our garden which was incredibly helpful.

Please note that (if not presented at this meeting) I should have a write=up on a new zero turn lawnmower for you at the next meeting.

COVID 19:

According to the most recent data from the State Department of Health, Pennsylvania is currently experiencing an average positivity rate has again decreased significantly from 15% as of 2/9/22 to 3.9% as of 3/9/22. In Delaware County, the number is hovering around 2.9% According to the Montgomery County Health Department, anything below a 5% positivity rate represents suppression of the virus. Right now, there are 8 new cases per 100,000 Delaware County residents per day which is an decrease from the astounding 46 per every 100,000 we saw just one month ago. Right now, 76% of Delaware County residents have received at least 1 dose of a COVID 19 vaccine which is below the state average of 82.5%. Notably, while deaths are up above summer levels the percentage increase is not nearly as huge as with positivity and

overall case volume. This appears to be in line with the evidence that the Omicron variant of COVID 19 is both more contagious but also less severe.