

## **December 15, 2020 Borough Manager's Report:**

### **Code Enforcement:**

The new code enforcer that was hired by the Borough last month had to delay his official start date due to personal matters. As of our meeting date, Mr. Donnelly should have completed his first day of training and should be actively on the street doing code enforcement. There are currently several outstanding addresses that need violations that we are currently following up with. I am not aware of the number of violations issued in the month of November and may not have this number for some time.

Unfortunately, it was discovered the some addresses were erroneously fined in the months of September and October. This is uncommon, but sometimes occurs when a fine is intended to be written to a neighboring address. If anyone believes this may have happened to them, I encourage you to contact me personally so that I can investigate the matter further.

There have been quite a number of hiccups in the changeover related to Use and Occupancy inspections. Unfortunately, some delays and confusion over the process delayed the inspection of home sales and some rental units in the Borough. Thankfully, residents reached out to me personally and I discussed this with Bill Gavin from Catania Engineering. I understand that we are still catching up on some late Use and Occupancy inspections and will rush to complete everything outstanding by the end of the year.

As always, I would like to encourage residents to contact the Borough at (610)522-1305 or email me personally at [manager@folcroftborough.org](mailto: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:**

Dan Falcone has begun filling in per diem on the highway department. Mr. Falcone's is well respected by the community and by the Department and his assistance is greatly appreciated. He is doing a wonderful job!

Leaf collection has generally ceased for the Borough. Shawn Payne has saved some of the leaves (not completely contaminated with garbage) to be used as fill in the Borough in the event that we need some.

Bids for a potential backhoe are to be opened on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am if they are received. Prior to this, I have been contacting nearby municipalities and PECO to see if any of them are in the process of selling a used but usable backhoe that might suit our needs.

## **Events:**

We had a successful Thanksgiving turkey giveaway to residents in need at the end of November. In total, 80 turkeys were distributed over the course of about an hour. As always, I'd like to thank our wonderful Police for contributing the turkeys in the first place and assisting in handing them out/directing traffic. We currently have tentative plans for another giveaway in December but are currently working out the logistics of it.

## **COVID 19:**

Administrative Assistant Denise DiPasquale is taking calls remotely and has remote access to her computer. Borough Offices are officially closed, however I have been working from my office as it is easier to complete tasks with the tools we have in the office. I am set up to complete almost all of these tasks from home if we opt to completely bar entry to the office or if any contingencies arise. Shawn Payne placed a bolt on the inside set of doors so that the front entrance can be open to families getting craft bags and letters to Santa but so they cannot enter the main building.

## **Other:**

Beginning Tuesday 12/8, work will focused on Taylor Drive from Kent Road to School lane. On Wednesday, 12/9 work will focus on the intersection of Grant Road at Delmar and Grant road at Fowler which will also be temporarily closed. School Lane from Delmar to Maple will be closed for the remainder of the week to complete work at various locations.

Paving schedules can change, however please expect restoration (removal of those "speed bumps" that we all hate) to focus on Carter, Ravenwood, Summitt, Taylor, Heather, Kent and Bennington Roads for the upcoming week. Much of this will not require road closures but could cause some delays.

Weather permitting, major PECO work/digging is expected to conclude roughly in the week before Christmas. Restoration and repairs should hopefully be completed by December 31st or the week after.