Mayor’s Letter: Fall 2021

Dear Residents,

I am pleased to provide upcoming events and improvement that are happening and anticipated in our town and I will continue to update as we receive further information.

* Historic Preservation Grant for Godfrey House – Funding has been received and an award for HMR Architects has been approved at the November Committee meeting. They will be performing a condition assessment of the house and outbuildings. A report will be provided to the Committee and Engineer for review. This is the first step in a two-step process. The second-step is the construction process of the Godfrey House.
* CDBG Grant for Senior Citizen Building Renovation has been awarded in November. The expected completion of work is the end of November. This work will include handicapped parking, accessibility and lighting and some interior updates.
* NJDOT Road Improvement Grants for Hockamick Road Bids were opened on October 28, 2021 for Phase I and Phase II. The bids received were within the grant allowance. The committee have reviewed the Engineer’s recommendations and a contract award was approved at the November meeting. The work for Phase II has also been awarded and is to include the cleaning and inspection of Stormwater system within the project limits.
* NJDOT Road Improvement Grant for Hockamick Road Phase III will be going out for bid soon and will complete final scope of work on Hockamick Road.
* Nash Park Improvements – Phase V - Bids were received and reviewed by the Township Engineer. A recommendation for award will be forwarded. The Improvements will include paving for basketball court and repairing the walking path. We are reviewing options for the installation of a dog park to be potentially included in this phase.
* NJDOT County Roadway Improvements – anticipated 2022 – Widening, Milling and repaving Wrightstown-Cookstown Road. Cookstown-Browns Mills Road will be milled and repaved.
* Handicapped ramps have been installed on Main Street by Cookstown United Methodist Church in anticipation of the installation of the crosswalk.
* Drainage work on Hillfield Avenue and County road intersection has been completed in anticipation of the widening, milling and paving of the roadway.
* The October Community Picnic and the Spooky Trick or Treat were a huge success and looking forward to continuing the events next year.
* The Christmas Gathering is being held on December 18, 2021, starting at 5:00 PM. There will be the horse and buggy ride, hot chocolate and snacks, Christmas caroling, and a visit from Santa.
* If you have any township concerns, please contact our Township Clerk Susan at the Township Office at (609) 758-2172.

Thank you for your patience during the COVID pandemic and continue to be safe.

I am always available to the community and will continue to provide every resident an opportunity to meet with me to share and address your thoughts and concerns. Contact the Township Office at (609) 758-2172 and I will reach out to you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Peterla