

Town Manager Report - October 2020

The month of October continues with the COVID-19 virus restrictions. All Town Hall business is still being conducted by appointment only, during the normal operating hours. The Town's essential meetings in September were held virtually, as in previous months. All Town meetings will be held virtually until the Executive Orders from the Governor are lifted.

The Town announced in September that the Town had won the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) Award for Small Public Water System of the Year, for the entire State of Florida. The Town received recognition in the Clay Today newspaper and will be featured in an article in the Quality Cities magazine in an upcoming issue. The town hall staff needs to be congratulated for all of their hard work to receive this award.

This month, the Town Hall had two employees resign their positions with good standings, one in public works, and the other was our long term water administrator. With such a small staff, this situation put heavy burdens on the remaining staff. The proper advertisement was done and interviews were conducted for each of the positions. Hopefully these positions will be filled quickly.

Some of the renovations have been completed at the Town Hall. The ADA restrooms were completed, as well as the climate controlled storage room. In addition to their normal duties, the public works and front office staff employees spent days sorting through and moving things out of the fire station and preparing for the museum renovation in that area of the building. The front office renovations should begin in November, after the Town Council meeting. This will be another heavy undertaking, with everything being emptied out of that room and relocating staff to be able to accomplish their normal duties, as usual.

There are still ongoing discussions on installing a new Pickle Ball court, near the tennis court area. New quotes and drawings are being completed for the parcel of land to be used.

There were a couple of virtual Town meetings held this month and I have attended them all.

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