



Manager's Report **June 3, 2021**

1. Participated in several American Recovery Plan webinars to gain insight on eligible projects. The Town's ARP allocation is approximately \$2.3 million. So far the Water and Sewer category seems to be the best way to expend these funds. We will continue to watch closely as more updates are forthcoming.
2. Continue to work the Fiscal Year 21/22 budget. We continue to refine costs as we are still getting quotes from the NCLM and others for Property Insurance, Worker's Compensation, etc.
3. Attended the second Finance Committee meeting to discuss budget items and proposed tax increases. We found a huge cost savings with our Health Insurance and decided not to increase taxes this year.
4. Hosted a Manager's meeting to discuss the ARP funds and how we propose to spend our allocations. It seems most jurisdictions are favoring spending these funds for Water and Sewer upgrades. Broadband was also discussed by some jurisdictions.
5. Attended the Council workshop to review the 2040 Plan updates and allow for Council input and discussion.
6. The AMT group recently purchased the "Stay On Line" building on East Lyon Station to expand their operations. Staff is working with them on a crosswalk between the two buildings. This is very complicated since this is a NCDOT highway. Staff will try to facilitate getting this project through NCDOT.
7. I was recently contacted by several industries along East Lyon Station Road and along Telecom Drive with concerns of numerous potholes on Telecom Drive. These businesses are recruiting top level management from all over the world. This has become an embarrassing situation for them. I immediately contacted NCDOT Division 5 Engineer and explained the situation. They have recently patched all the potholes and will resurface the entire Road soon!
8. Worked on documentation in order to take over ownership of the Streets in the new Meadows Subdivision. This item is on the agenda.
9. Working with Town Attorney on West Lyon Station easements. These easements are necessary for the West Lyon Station Realignment project.
10. Working with SGAA on some summer activities at the Sports Arena.
11. Placed some ARP grant opportunities on our Town Website and Facebook for our local restaurants who may have suffered economic losses during the Pandemic. These grants seem to be straight forward. I would encourage everyone to spread the word. I think this is easy money if they just pursue it. The minimum amount is \$1,000 and max is \$5,000,000. Their CPA would be able to handle the application.