Town Administer Update 7/19/21

- After reviewing multiple proposals from two providers, we have decided to select a new company for Injured on Duty coverage. VFIS with National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, PA. They have the same or slightly better coverage than our previous carrier, plus no age limits on their policy which is important considering Conway has members of the Fire and Police Dept's over the age of 70. (per Ross)
- A group of residents and employees surveyed the landscaping in front and along the side of the Town Office and agreed that the bushes were so over grown that a complete removal was appropriate. In case you haven't noticed, all new shrubs and flowers are in place. Many thanks to Ron Sweet for arranging for this work. The Town Office Building looks much better. (per Ross)
- I have been meeting with Department Heads, Committee and Board Chairs one on one to introduce myself and review each department or committee's needs. I am also planning a professional development day for September 24th at the Town Hall to discuss cyber security. Roy Cohen will be presenting for us on how to keep the town's information safe.
- The town's mosquito opt-out program has been approved by the state. The Board of Health will be working with the FRCOG to provide educational materials to residents on mosquito control.
- Great news on the recycling front! In the new contract with the Springfield MRF the town was paying a base rate of \$93.50 per ton, which is offset by any revenues coming in. While revenues have been steadily rising, it wasn't until June that the revenues overtopped the base rate and we actually received net revenue and therefore a check from the MRF. Given how much markets have changed since China National Sword, this is excellent news. By the way, the market increase has been driven mostly by the demand for recycled plastics as well as cardboard.
- Roy is working on the resident feedback form which we hope to have up on the website very shortly.