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Greetings from City Hall,

Spring continues to tease us and winter isn't sure it wants to be done, but the robins and hummingbirds are here, so it must be so.

City Hall has been busy as always, Heather has been busy getting the city website updated and making sure everything is put in the proper place. Terra has been working on straightening out our accounting software problems so that we can move forward with our audit, along with gathering all of the information to start work on our Budget. Soiyor continues to work on getting loose ends tied up and helping the mayor become more computer literate.

This week we attended a meeting put on by the Health Network. They are trying to put together an island wide program with a main location in Craig/Klawock and facilities in several of the outlying communities. Abby Twyman spoke of the plans and opportunities that would be possible through this program and the representatives from Coffman Cove thought that it was a good program and could be very helpful to our community.

In the last two reports, I have mentioned that VSW will be doing some work in the community over the next few years. The process is a little confusing so I will try my best to explain what this work is and how it will get accomplished. The updates to the water treatment plant are the results of a grant that was applied for in 2016 (?) This was awarded in 2019 and was supposed to start in 2020. Then Covid hit and everything got put on hold. We got back on track in 2022, but although the grant was awarded, VSW had to review the plans and determine if the funding was sufficient. Then they must go out to bid for an engineering firm to oversee the project. Once that is accomplished there must be a pre-bid meeting for anyone interested in bidding on the work, so that they may look at the project and ask any question that they may have. Then the project will be sent out for bid. Next, the bids must all be reviewed. Following that, the bid will be awarded, and a start date will be set. As you can see, the process is rather involved and each one of the steps takes 30-60 days to complete. So, it doesn't happen quickly.

That said, we have three different projects with VSW that have been awarded. The first is the water treatment plant upgrades, which will help automate our system. This project is in the final stages of going out to bid and will hopefully start work either late summer or fall.

The second project is a planning project to repair/replace the water intake structure in Chum Creek. This project includes a feasibility study to determine the capacity of Coffman Cove Water Treatment Plant so that we will know how many more residents it can handle. This project has been funded and an engineering firm has been chosen. A kick-off meeting was held to discuss the project and there will be an on-site walk-through on the 18th-19th. After this, the engineering firm will come up with a plan and an estimated cost. We will then have to resubmit to VSW to see where our intake project shakes out in the priority list and to see if we can move it ahead. There is no guarantee that our project will rank high enough to get it funded.

The third and last project that was awarded and funded, is the Luck Point Sewer upgrades. This project went through the planning phase many years ago but didn't rank high enough to be awarded. Because there was quite a bit of funding available this year, we submitted the project again and it was awarded. Again, it must go through all the steps before it can go out to bid, but hopefully it will be bid in 2025, and work can start in that year too.

Lastly, we must apologize for not having a workshop this week. We sent out the agenda with the wrong date on it and no one caught it until Monday, so we postponed it for a week. The workshop will be on Tuesday the 9th of April. We again apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Respectfully,
Jack Mulcare
Mayor