



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING PROJECT

The Town's Public Works Building project is scheduled to begin in mid-October. We have received many questions regarding the project since we began discussions over the need for a renovation in April 2016.

1. When was the building originally constructed?

The building was originally constructed in 1929 and has housed the stables, fire department, and bus garage before becoming the Public Works facility. The architect for the project, ClarkNexsen, has done a tremendous job of keeping the original aesthetic of the building in the proposed renovation.

2. Who are the architect and contractors for the project?

ClarkNexsen was chosen as the architect for the project in spring 2016. The Town intends to utilize Beverly-Grant, Inc. to operate as the Construction Manager at Risk for the construction phase of the project.

3. How many employees work in the Public Works Building?

The Public Works Department currently has nine (9) full time employee positions. Operations from this building include the water department, general maintenance and grounds, parks, streets, and solid waste/recycling divisions.

4. How long will it take to renovate the building?

Construction is scheduled to take nine (9) months from beginning until end. We anticipate a full year's worth of work by the time the building is fully outfitted and operational.

5. What is the projected cost of the renovation?

The overall cost is estimated at just under \$1.5 million (including all contingency and soft costs). The Town has received a proposal from BB&T to borrow \$800,000 for this project and is awaiting approval from the North Carolina Local Government Commission. The Town plans to pay for the balance of the project from our General Fund balance.

6. How will construction affect operations at the Town Hall?

The parking lot and area around the Town Hall will be very busy and full on a daily basis. The construction company will comply with all Town ordinances and not perform work on Sundays, holidays, or outside of the allowed period for construction activities. However, parking will be limited during this time, so please bear with us when you stop by to visit.

7. Are other improvements scheduled for the area around the Public Works building?

Yes, the Town plans to paint the Police Department and replace awnings that have aged and deteriorated. Additional landscaping will be added behind the Public Works department upon completion of the project.

8. Are other portions of the building being renovated, or just the main office and work area?

In addition to the improvements shown for the main floor and offices, the Town is also renovating the upstairs portion of the Public Works building. This area has housed storage for many years, and was actually a private legal office years ago. The newly renovated facility will include a conference room on the second floor and significantly more usable space for the Town and community.

9. Will the November 2018 General Election still be held at the Town Hall?

YES! We have worked with the contractor to ensure they are not working on Election Day and the building should be open as normal for Election Day activities.