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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 21, 2024
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Unmaintained (uncertified) roads:

Visit the following website: <https://matsugov.us/unmaintainedroads> to learn more about which roads are maintained in the Borough. This story map outlines what roads are not maintained and describes how a resident may pursue getting a road certified for maintenance. Please feel free to share this link as you see fit.

If an Assembly member desires to bring uncertified roads into the maintained inventory, a resolution for Assembly approval is the preferred method. Borough Administration recommends contacting Public Works or the Deputy Borough Manager and requesting a resolution supporting adding specific roads and mileage. Public Works will evaluate the list for any issues, such as the road not being within the public right-of-way, for instance, prior to bringing the list forward for consideration. Public Works would then provide the list to the local road service area advisory and bring it forward for Assembly consideration.

Online Land Sales Update:

Land and Resource Management staff has been working to create an online land sales program for the competitive land sale program, and tax foreclosure and LID sales. A competitive land sale was scheduled for the spring of 2024. This sale will be delayed due to the postponement of Ordinance 24-028. To date, competitive land sales have been conducted via sealed bid. The plan is to conduct the next competitive land sale online via a third-party vendor. Staff has submitted a request for solicitation to Purchasing and is awaiting approval to fly the advertisement. Once a successful vendor is chosen, dates for the sale will be officially set, and the third-party vendor will conduct the online sale. The cost of the online sale will be collected through a buyer's premium fee, which is a charge in addition to the price of the property and will be paid by the winning bidder. There are some moving parts to the online sale that still need to be worked out after a successful vendor is chosen to run the sale.

The 2024 Tax Foreclosure and LID sale is scheduled to be a hybrid model and will be conducted online/in person via auction. This sale will likely occur in late summer or early fall.

The idea is to conduct the competitive and tax and foreclosure/LID sales online in 2024 as a pilot program and then adjust as necessary for future sales. After the lessons learned are applied for future online sales, Land Management will look to enter a longer-term contract (3-5 years) with one vendor who will conduct all the land sales. Entering a longer-term contract should lessen the buyer's premium for sales conducted after 2024.

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