



Park Township

From the Desk of Howard Fink,

Township Manager

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Hi Everyone. Attached is this week's management report. As always, please let me know if there is anything I have missed.

Strategic Planning

I met with Al Vanderberg briefly. Wanted to make sure we were on the same page with respect to Strategic Planning. I believe you will enjoy the process and hope it is valuable to our goal setting efforts moving forward. He is available for additional sessions if we desire to continue the process or have more detailed conversations on items. Typically, he uses the Disney Storyboarding process to dive deeper on issues. This is the same model we used at the last few strategic planning sessions and during the Airport Visioning Process.

Licensing Ordinance

I have been working with Mr. Martin on drafting a licensing ordinance for board review.

168th and Perry

I met with the property owner on possibly cutting back the corner to provide additional site distance around the intersection, mostly for pedestrians. It was productive. He and his wife will get us some sense of direction early next week. We are still planning on bidding this year. I will keep the board posted on progress.

Cooper Van Wieren / Perry Street Gate

HBPW is quoting the electrical run for the gate. We hope to have pricing back today.

Wyoming Water Transmission Line

In the next few months, the Wyoming Water Utility in conjunction with Ottawa County will be requesting the refunding of a 2009 bond issue in order to save about \$213,000 in interest expense. In addition, they wish to add \$4.625 million towards two new projects. I will be receiving details on these items shortly. The refunding and/or new bond issues will need board approval, as the County will be requesting the full faith and credit of Park Township to receive Tax Exempt Financing. These are not Park Township's bonds in that we have responsibility for repayment. Revenue needed to pay the debt service on these bonds are generated from the wholesale water rate charged to all Ottawa County customers of the Wyoming Water System. Under typical government infrastructure financing, the County is looking to secure Tax-Exempt Bonds. To receive tax exempt financing, all the municipalities with ownership in the system will need to pledge full faith and credit. This is common practice in local government. I believe our board debated these concepts prior under previous administrations. I will be providing the board with additional information on these projects and our role in the process. I have also been informed that in 2022 or 2023, the County will be requesting the Township approve another bond issue for the construction of a third transmission main.

Truck Committee

Met again briefly Wednesday evening with the Fire Department Truck Committee. We are reaching the point where the team is narrowing in on truck specifications and design. I have communicated to the Chief, and he and I agree that these trucks will be bid out. Certainly, some manufacturers will try to discourage that practice or work to convince communities to accept pre-bid consortium-based pricing etc. I don't believe that is in our best interest. We will design a specification that multiple manufacturers can respond to and bid on. I have been working closely with the Chief throughout this process.

Fund Balance Policy

Connie and I have begun preliminary discussions on the development of a fund balance policy for the Township. Once the audit is complete and with Treasurer Steggerda's input, we will present options to the Board for consideration.