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Good afternoon, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Members of the Board of Trustees. Here is your newest weekly update.

Police Staffing. We have a candidate who is POST certified, having served previously in law enforcement, and who has passed all the other required testing. We intend to offer him the position, with a starting date of mid-April. The candidate will then begin field training (FTO) for the Town, for a period of 8 weeks. Recall that we also still have one cadet at the academy. That candidate will require 16 weeks of FTO. This will likely mean that we will have two new officers by May to assist in policing the community, but they will be on Field Training (FTO). With these 2 replacement officers, we will still be one short of fully staffed under our current structure. However, this last position is not funded through the 2025 budget.

Along this same topic, we do likely have an opportunity for a lateral transfer from another agency to fulfill our obligations to the School District for another SRO. Currently, we are to have two (2) committed officers to SRO, which we are doing through backfilling. This transfer would provide that necessary staffing for the position. This potential officer is likewise POST certified, and after 8 weeks of FTO will be able to operate independently. This will create a fully staffed department by mid to late summer. I believe the Chief will ask for some direction on Tuesday evening about this possible topic. Hannah will also be present to answer any financial questions you may have as well.

Public Works Staffing. The public works department is down two (2) employees currently: one in water/wastewater and one in parks/streets. PW is running interviews as applications are received. We hope to have the position filled within the next couple of weeks.

Community Development Staffing. We have received only one new application for the position. The applicant lacks experience in either Planning or Economic Development and therefore will not be interviewed.

April 8 Meeting. Corey will be attending our meeting on the 8th rather than the 22nd this month.

Outback Express Participation. Bill Mock provided me information regarding the number of riders to take advantage of the Outback Express. It is averaging about 7 riders per month.

This was a follow up to a question raised by the Mayor on senior access to transportation through the service.

Motorized Vehicles on Trails, South 40. We continue to have issues with individuals operating motorized vehicles on the trails and the South 40. It is a combination of golf carts, ATV, UTV, motorcycles and other vehicles. We will again publish notices on the website, social media, and other locations. I will be visiting with Corey as to ways to seek enhanced penalties for such activities, but those are likely limited.

Morrison Police Equipment. Several weeks ago, the Board discussed the possibility of acquiring used PD equipment from Morrison's Police Department. Attached please find an attachment that indicates what Morrison would be willing to sell to Elizabeth, and the costs associated with the purchase. In addition, my notation as to suggested purchases are made in red. Of course, none of these items are in the 2025 budget because the closure of Morrison and the opportunity to purchase equipment at a discounted rate was not envisioned.

Have a great weekend!

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