



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 25, 2022

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:**

With the tight Labor Market upon us, we were fortunate to rehire Justin Ryan back to his old position as the Assistant Public Works Director. Ricky Ricks is undergoing training under Danny Staunton to certify as a Water operator as Danny will be in transition into part-time hours in August, until Ricky is certified. We are also going to be looking for a replacement for Pete Kalb next February as he contemplates retirement.

### **DRINKING WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT:**

The notice to sign up for the lead pipe inspection did not generate the necessary response; therefore, we are making a door-to-door effort to contact the residents to sign up for the lead line inspection. The contractor is ready to go but we have to have residents on the random list to sign up in order to get the project going. We expect the contractor to get started by the middle of next month.

### **USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION:**

We are still waiting on the formal letter of award for the Rural Development Business Grant. As of right now, all of the projects funded by Rural Development that have construction involved are still on hold. Rural Development has applied for a waiver of the BABA requirement, but have not received a response to that waiver. Until they received official notification, they are unable to move forward with the projects that involve construction.

### **CLEAN WATER REVOLVING FUND – SRF – SEWER PROJECT**

We continue to make progress with the Department of EGLE on securing the funding for the proposed project; however, we need to discuss rate adjustment to support the funding for the project. We will need to schedule a special meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> to meet EGLE'S deadline to discuss and approve rate adjustment.

### **CITY HALL ROOF ISSUE:**

We met with Chris Brayak of Wightman to inspect and discuss the City Hall roof issue. He said the best estimate to put a pitch on the roof would cost about \$250,000.00. He also recommended several contractors who could do a good job for us on the roof.