



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

STATE REVOLVING FUND SERIES 2022B SEWER BOND UPDATE:

The second of the Sewer Bond issue for \$745,000.0 has been approved by the Department of EGLE. The bond was approved for \$372,500.00 and the Principal reduction grant was approved for the same amount. It looks like the City saved additional \$372,500.00 on the project. The official closing took place on December 9, 2022.

CITY/TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD ARBITRATION HEARING:

The Arbitration hearing took place on December 1, 2022. Both sides presented witnesses and the hearing ended without any final determination made. The two legal counsels will provide closing statements to the panel by December 7, 2022, for necessary deliberation.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION

We are still looking for a Full –Time Operator for the Waste water Treatment Plant in the absence of our retired operator Tom Strand. At present, we have two people operating alternately, because neither has enough time to spend at the plant but would keep us in compliance with the Department of EGLE. They will continue to review, analyze and report on site or remotely until we are able to find and hire a full-time operator.

1 & 5 WEST MAIN STREET UPDATE:

Per my latest conversation with the County Treasurer, the work to stabilize 5 West Main Street structure is scheduled for the end of January 2023. We look forward to having the work completed as soon as possible.

RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Streetscape took another step forward by the completion of the design work for South Parking Lot. The design work and specification has been forwarded to the Rural Development office for approval. The plan is to advertise the project for bids by the end of the year and award the contract to the successful contractor by the end of January.

HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY-CAM REQUEST

We have been working with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase six (6) Body Cameras for the officers of the Hartford Police Department. The proposal submitted by Axon would save the City \$3,103.80 over a five-year purchasing period at a price of \$6,408.58 per year, is only good until December 31, 2022. The yearly discount and the five-year installment payment make it affordable for the City. We may even be able to receive a grant to support it, but there is no guarantee. I have discussed the camera purchase with the Interim Chief and he is very comfortable with the arrangement.