



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Hall and the Hartford Commission

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager ~~7/6~~

DATE: March 24, 2025

RE: **APPOINTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS**

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve the appointment of David Gongwer as Electrical Inspector and Walt DeVisser as Mechanical Inspector.

DISCUSSION:

The city commission appointed Randall Aldering as the building official. Mr. Aldering recommended that Walt Devisser be the mechanical inspector and David Gongwer be the electrical inspector. Mr. Devisser had worked in the city when his father was unavailable; his father was the city's mechanical inspector for many years. The city manager met with Mr. Devisser and Mr. Gongwer to negotiate the pay rate fees. The mechanical inspector will receive 70% of the fees invoiced, with the city retaining 30%, the electrical inspector receiving 80% of the fees invoiced, and the city retaining 20%.

Mr. Devisser works in Arlington Twp, Bangor Twp, Bloomingdale Twp, the City of Bangor, the City of Coloma, Coloma Twp, Geneva Twp, Hagar Twp, Hartford Twp, the Village of Bloomingdale, and the Village of Breedsville. Mr. Gongwer works in Benton Harbor, the Village of Cassopolis, and Hartford Twp.

Mr. Aldering will have Scott Saunders as his backup building official whenever he is unavailable.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the appointment of David Gongwer as Electrical Inspector, who will receive 80% of the fees, and Walt DeVisser as Mechanical Inspector, who will receive 70% of the fees invoiced. The approval is contingent upon the completion and execution of the professional service agreement and authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreements.