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Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended Friday, May 2, 2014.**

- I received formal notification via e-mail this morning (see attached letter) that the town of Dallas' request for Grant Funding through the Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) Program, as administered by the Solar Center at North Carolina State University, was selected for full award as submitted. As such, effective with yesterday's date (May 1st, 2014) the Town can purchase and install two, dual-head electric vehicle charging stations for permanent installation in public parking spots in front of the courthouse building; and, we can purchase two, new Ford C-max "Energi" plug-in electric vehicles for use by our two meter-readers; and upon submission of invoices for such purchases will receive **\$30,839.00** toward reimbursement of eligible Grant expenditures. These purchases are provided for within the comprehensive draft FY2014-15 Budget distributed last week. This award is the latest in what has proved quite a number of grants acquired over the last two years, a copy of which is also attached herewith.
- Beginning today, and extending through noon on Sunday, a group of some 200+ Boy Scouts will be camping and competing in various scouting activities on the lands near the Hospice facility. The Town of Dallas is supplying the group with water during their "Camporee". This has become a recurring annual event for Regional Scouts.
- Final design specs for the new steel storage building to be located at the Town's Public Utilities yard have been acknowledged and agreed to, including door opening sizes and locations, as well as interior partition walls and insulation, and all this information has been forwarded on to the vendor, who, in turn, has ordered fabrication of all the materials with a delivery date set for approximately the third week in June. The Building will not require internal fire suppression (sprinklers) and will be "Aztec blue" with "Slate"-colored trim. In the mean time we will be arranging for site clearing and preparation, as well as bidding out the construction of the concrete pad; building erection; and interior plumbing, electric, and office wall construction. These activities are all budgeted for within the Draft Fy2014-15 Town Budget as well.
- The Town was served with a civil lawsuit this week from an individual who claims to have suffered damages as a result of the Town's actions, back in 2012, to deny hook-up of Town utility service (water) at a trailer in the Oak Grove Trailer park, based upon the inability of the plaintiff to produce adequate identification at the time. In essence, the town maintains a policy that, before hooking up service for a new customer, we require that customer to produce some legitimate, un-expired, government-issued form of identification which will assure that they are who they claim to be; and, that establishes their nationality or residence. In the absence of such identification, we cannot grant service. A copy of this suit was immediately transmitted to Town Attorney Hunn, who, in turn contacted our insurance provider, EMC, who have now assigned an investigator and attorney – who will be representing the Town in this matter. At this point, we do not feel that there is any significant degree of probability that a judgement could be entered against the Town, because we believe our employees acted properly and responsibly in following the law and our internal policy, and did so with courtesy and professionalism. We will update you on this case as any new information is received.
- Development Services Director David Kahler remained hospitalized throughout the week, with no additional information as to when he may return to his duties at Town Hall. In the interim, I will continue to serve in the dual roles of Manager and Director of Development Services – including the issuance of permits; code enforcement activity; and any other planning or zoning related matters.

Thank You,

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