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Attachments: Hope4Gaston.pdf

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, June 28, 2013.

- With all of the damage that occurred as a result of the storm of June 13th, given so many downed trees and tree-limbs, we have only had one legitimate claim from a resident who experienced household property damages as a result of a downed power line. After a thorough investigation and confirmation of damages, a claim payment was authorized in the amount of \$2,500, in exchange for a full release from further liability, for the household at 302 S. Rhyne. In addition to this claim, the actual cost to the Town for contracted removal of all of the excess brush and debris which resulted from the storm was \$18,900. Obviously, overtime and other supplies also added to the total storm cost, so as you can see, one brief event like this can prove costly.
- The "Hope 4 Gaston" event (faith-based consortium of churches and charitable groups spending an intensive day rehabilitating the homes of people who otherwise can't afford to make such improvements; along with distribution of food and clothing) which has had such success in Gastonia over the last several years, has now committed to holding their **first-ever such event in Dallas on Saturday, October 5th, 2013. (see attached).** In fact, a spokesperson will be attending our July 9th Board meeting to better detail their plans and to request Town support and possible sponsorship. I am a strong advocate for this program, it has had huge success and impact in Gastonia and brought thousands of volunteers together and made real impacts to individual lives. The dollar amount of improvements achieved is quite dramatic given the actual dollars they typically work with, since so much sweat equity and donated supplies are leveraged to achieve the results. We may wish to strongly consider both a financial contribution as well as in-kind services to this effort.
- T-mobile has submitted engineering plans to alter and expand their current cell-antennae on the Town's water tower on Oakland street as part of our ongoing negotiations to extend their current Lease which is set to expire in November. We are currently in the process of having a professional Tower engineer evaluate and certify the plans so that we can be confident that the design will neither harm our Tower or interfere with the other leased antennae currently under lease on the Tower by competing providers. We expect to bring a new proposed Lease agreement for Board action this Fall prior to expiration.
- Now that we have committed to take the 1-page feature profile in the "Common Threads" book, we have been asked to develop ideas or actual text for the narrative, as well as the photographs, that will ultimately appear. To that end, please let me know what you would like us to stress in our Dallas Page.....what historical features, or what important facts?; and, what photos? We have some time, so we will look to do this in a manner which will reflect well on Dallas now and well into the future.
- As you know, Town Offices will be closed in celebration of the 4th of July on Thursday of next week. Town employees will be aiding and assisting with the fireworks celebration that evening consistent with past practice. Packets for the upcoming July 9th Board Meeting will likely be distributed on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Enjoy your Holiday and be safe.
- Today is the last business day of the Fiscal-year and we are rapidly wrapping up our final budgeted expenditures. While a number of intra-fund line-item amendments are being processed, there has been no need for Board-Approved Amendments and we expect to end the year, even in light of the unexpected storm damage, within Budget overall.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick

Interim Town Manager



Hope 4 Gaston, whose mission is "to provide compassionate, loving support of food, clothing and minor home repairs through a cooperative effort of churches, local government, businesses, and community citizens," is coming to Dallas NC on Saturday, October 5, 2013

There will be two major activities that day: a "block party" from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. There will be free lunch, music, games, and boxes of food from the Second Harvest food bank to be distributed to citizens in need. Also, we plan to do repair work on 10 houses wherein the owners need remodeling/repair work done, but don't meet federal guidelines for the help they need. H4G estimates an average cost of \$1,000 repairs/remodeling per home, so our financial goal is \$10,000 for remodeling and repair.

Your financial gift is needed to help underwrite the expenses for the betterment of our community that day. Your tax-deductible contribution will be used to improve the lives of the citizens of our community. Should you choose to become a supporter of H4G in Dallas, you will be listed as a sponsor on the H4G website. (Financial gifts may be made out to Hope for Gaston Dallas, and mailed to Hope4Gaston, 4008 Tall Timber CT, Gastonia NC 28056

Is Hope 4 Gaston in Dallas NC worth your company's financial donation? Just ask Mrs. Shope, who received a new roof after the hail storm in April (2011). Ask Joey and Lou, who had not had water since 1999. Ask the director of the B.C. Boys and Girls Club (Mrs. Robinson), who have a new ramp in place. And these projects are just a quick example of what Hope4Gaston offers

If I can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. (Check out the website at www.hope4gaston.com.)

Thank you for your consideration,

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