



**Executive
Meeting Supplement
August 23, 2019**

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Resident Request

- 12. Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy**

Finance Officer Memo

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13.a State Fair Parking – No Parking Sign Placement.

13.b. Ramsey County Turn-backs – Update.

- 15. Clerk-Treasurer Report**

15.e. LGA Discussion & Strategies – Update.



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Subject: Pavement Management Program - Update

Documentation: Resident Request

Action / Motion for Consideration:

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July 17, 1969

Hi - We live at 5072 Parker Ave. Our street has just been "patched". We don't know why the work didn't include the bottom of our driveway. On our side cement of our drive is starting to break up since the blacktop was even flusk. Our blacktop curb is almost non-existent. The entire neighborhood drains into our curbside-rac. All summer we have water pouring by, feel winter when I buy than trapping. We have water seeping by. It is dangerous to get the mail as ~~many~~ many

times there is a frozen stream at the street. apparently a sewer should have been put on Mill Street. Our street wasn't even here when that street was put in. At the rate the street is deteriorating, there won't be much left by 2023 when the street is slated to be ~~repaired~~ repaired. What can we do to move up that date?

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a call would
be appreciated.
Thanks for your
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Rynn & Mike
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23 Och skall förstöra de Egyptier ibland hedningarna och förjaga dem i landen.

24 Men konungens armar af Babel vill jag stärka och gifva honom mitt swärd i hans hand; och skall bryta Pharaos armar sönder, så att han för honom stänka skall, lika som en, den till döds sårad är.

25 Ja, jag vill stärka konungens armar af Babel, på det Pharaos armar skola sönderbräta warda; att de skola weta, att jag är

9 Jag hafwer gjort det så skönt, att det siet så många qwisar, att alla lustiga träd i Guds lustgård buro afund derwid.

10 Derföre säger Herren Herren alltså: Efter han så hög worden är, att hans topp stod ibland stora höga tjocka qwisar, och hans hjerta upphof sig, att han så hög war;

11 Derföre hafwer jag gifwit honom den mäktigaste ibland hedningarna i händer; han skall öfwerfalla honom och fördrista honom, såsom han med sitt ogudaktiga wäsende förtjent hafwer;

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Agenda Number: Supplemental Information
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Subject: Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy

Documentation: Finance Officer Memo

Action / Motion for Consideration:

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Consideration of Setting the 2020 Preliminary Tax Levy. (TK)

A. REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND:

The Township is required to certify its 2020 preliminary property tax levy to the County no later than September 30, 2019. This is the tax levy that the County will use on the Truth-In-Taxation notices mailed out in mid-November. Once the preliminary levy is certified to the County, the Town can lower the levy prior to final levy certification in December but the final levy cannot exceed the certified preliminary levy.

As in the past, the Town residents approved a preliminary levy of \$4,300,621 at the Annual Town Meeting back in March. As staff has received budget requests from other agencies and adjusted other line item budgets, the proposed levy has been lowered to \$4,321,263. The changes made since the March Annual Meeting include:

Expenditures:

- Lowered the PERA contribution from 8% to 7.5% since the State Legislature approved no contribution increase.
- Decreased seasonal public works summer help \$5,000.
- Moved the start date of the public works utility coordinator (GIS person) to April
- Added a part-time public works administrative secretary and a full-time planning/code enforcement assistant.
 - Increases personnel \$190,940 from Annual Meeting expenditures.
- Lowered some consulting fees \$60,445 in the General Government Activity based on past and current expenditures.
- Police budget decreased \$73,858 based on preliminary budget numbers provided by the Sheriff’s Department.
- Fire budget increased \$10,000 based on budget numbers provided by the City of White Bear Lake.
- Sign line item increased \$68,500 to \$154,000 to replacing street signs to meet reflectivity standards.
- Contracted services in road and bridge activity increased \$55,000 for EAB.
- The transfer for the Town’s annual seal coat project decreased \$7,500 to \$105,000, which is 70% of projected project cost.
- Equipment rental fee in all activities are decreased to 75% of asset depreciation.

Revenues:

- Police state aid increased \$15,000 based on sheriff department estimates.
- Fiscal Disparities increased \$28,886 to \$303,886 based on numbers provided by Ramsey County.
- Property Taxes decreased 1% to \$3,951,985.
- 2020 Debt Levy of \$65,392.

Right now, the General Fund budget increase is 19.20% over the 2019 Budget. The preliminary levy is an increase of 11.70% over the 2019 final levy and a 14.12% over 2019 preliminary levy.

A preliminary levy of \$4,321,263 when applied against the Town's tax capacity of \$15,423,168 would give the Town a tax rate of 26.048%. A tax rate of 26.048% would be the fifth lowest in Ramsey County compared to the final 2019 tax rates for other cities.

The median value home in the Town increased 7.9% from \$265,900 to 287,000. With this tax levy and tax rate if every residential property increased in value 7.9% the tax increase would be between \$119 and \$285.

Staff must lower the levy \$20,642 to meet the preliminary levy set by the residents at the March annual meeting. The Town must certify to Ramsey County its preliminary levy no later than September 30th.

B. ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

1. Discuss preliminary levy and direct staff to develop a preliminary levy that meets the Boards goals to be presented and receive approval at the Town Board meeting on September 16th.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has no recommendation.

D. SUPPORTING DATA:

None.



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13.a.**

Public Works Director Report:

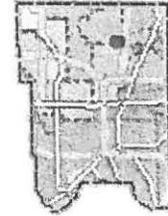
Subject: **State Fair Parking - No Parking Sign Placement**

Documentation: **Map**

Action / Motion for Consideration:

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Legend



-  City Halls
-  Schools
-  Hospitals
-  Fire Stations
-  Police Stations
-  Recreational Centers
-  Parcel Points
-  Parcel Boundaries



Notes

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Agenda Number: **Added Agenda Item
13.b.**

Public Works Director Report:

Subject: **Ramsey County Turn-backs - Update**

Documentation: **None**

Action / Motion for Consideration:

Report at Meeting / Discuss



**Town Board Executive Meeting
August 23, 2019**

Agenda Number: **Added Agenda Item
13.b.**

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Subject: **LGA Discussion & Strategies - Update**

Documentation: **Outline**

Action / Motion for Consideration:

Report at Meeting / Discuss

8-21-2019

Board members

*I received correspondence from Amy Wazlawik's office regarding our request for follow up on the LGA matter discussed at our July Executive Board meeting. See below for the legal staff's comments, highlighted by some key points in **YELLOW**.*

Research Question: If White Bear Township received City Local Government Aid (LGA) rather than Township LGA, how much aid would it then receive?

Result: Because the Legislature added new money to the City LGA formula in the 2019 Tax Bill, if White Bear Township was certified for 2020 City LGA they would receive approximately **\$500,000 in aid**. This is because every city will receive 10% of their unmet need this year and based upon the available data for WBT there is significant unmet need. If the Legislature had not added new money and because of the variability of need within the formula, even at 1% of their unmet need they would have received approximately **\$50,000 at a minimum**. Either way, both amounts are significantly more money than the approximately \$14 received from the Township LGA formula that WBT currently receives.

Caveat: The data used to compute the City LGA formula for WBT was lacking complete housing data which may affect the final amount of need and thus the amounts of certified City LGA.

Bottom Line: WBT is clearly on the wrong formula and some sort of change is warranted. There are two paths for WBT ahead and both will involve legislation.

Option One: WBT Incorporates as a City

The Department of Revenue adds them to the City LGA formula, and by 2021 they begin receiving City LGA. We'd have to verify with DOR but the deadline for incorporation is **probably** July 1 in 2020 to get certified to receive LGA in 2021. It's too late for 2020 certification.

Needed Legislation for City Incorporation: A Strong Starting Dollar Amount

Rep. Wazlawik authors a bill that mirrors the Rice Lake provision in the 2017 tax bill which argued for a strong starting position for a newly incorporated city. The argument is that because the city has been shortchanged as a township there is a clear need for a strong starting point for LGA. Prior to the 2013 LGA changes, a city's aid could go up or down wildly based on the unmet needs of other cities. So, nothing economically could change in your city but from one year to the next your LGA would be highly variable because of the need of other cities. With the 2013 formula change the Legislature essentially "locked in" starting positions of aid amounts for each city that could not decline unless that city's need declined - the only way to lose money from the formula is to shrink a city's own unmet needs. The bill would thus argue that WBT should have as strong as possible of a starting position.

Here's the HR summary language of the Rice Lake provision:

Base year formula for newly incorporated city. Provides a starting city LGA base amount for Pay 2018 LGA equal to \$95 per capita for a town that incorporated into a city on October 13, 2015. The new city is Rice Lake in St. Louis County. The amount used as a starting point for the city's Pay 2018 aid will increase from \$5,639 to \$389,500. Effective for aids payable in 2018.

Benefits of this option: By incorporating, WBT will be guaranteed to get on the formula and will receive significant amounts of LGA. If the tax bill fails, they just won't get their more beneficial starting dollar amount. You can always revisit this legislation again in future tax bills if it fails this year to strengthen the base amount of aid that WBT receives.

Cons of this option: WBT has to incorporate relatively quickly to get certified for 2021 aid. There's little guarantee that the stronger starting position will be enacted by both bodies and the Governor.

Option Two: Leg. to add Townships over 5,000 pop. to the City LGA Formula

The Township LGA formula is clearly not designed for townships like WBT. Rep. Wazlawik could author a bill that says once a townships population exceeds (appropriate number like 5,000) they get moved over to the City LGA formula and treated as cities (while retaining their township status). You'd probably also want to combine this with or have a companion piece of legislation that gives WBT a stronger starting position like in option one.

Needed Legislation: Township Population Bill Fix & A Strong Starting Dollar Amount for a Township that Exceeds that Population.

Benefits of this option: WBT doesn't have to incorporate as a city.

Cons of this option: There is likely to be strong political opposition to this from a variety of sources. The likelihood of the entirety of this legislation passing through both houses intact is slim. If the legislation fails at any point during the 2020 Legislative Session, WBT will remain on the Township LGA formula and will forfeit the guaranteed City LGA they would have received if they incorporated.

Current Actions

Legislation for both options is in drafting by House Research.

Further verification from the Department of Revenue is expected the week of 8/26/19 for the following items: Verifying the potential City LGA Amounts for WBT with more complete data; determining the deadline for incorporation in order to be certified for 2021 City LGA.

I would like the Board to discuss strategies and directives regarding what we can do in order to supplement the excellent work Representative Wazlawik's office. Below is a memo from Patrick Kelly regarding what we can do as well in conjunction with acquiring LGA through legislative action.

Patrick, I have been talking with Chad on urban Townships. Just a suggestion, as I mentioned to Chad in the past, the Township designate a legislator to carry a bill giving the Town all the powers of a City. It could be based on maintaining and preserving the uniqueness of the Township supported by its well known history and commitment to its residents. From a Tactical point we could assemble all the surrounding cities to support the legislation and I believe that would not be a problem. Finally we could get co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle and a push from the League of Cities and Association of Townships. I cannot think any reason for opposition since the Township is unique to other Townships. Just a stream of thought.

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As a final point of consideration, Dale, Tom and I had a discussion with Ramsey County regarding turn-backs within the Township last week, and some of the discussion we had ties back to the LGA and potential MSA funding to the Township. Both representatives from Ramsey County were surprised that we DO NOT receive more State aid than we currently do and have suggested that Ramsey County lobby on our behalf to acquire both MSA as well as LGA.

RECOMMENDATION: If we can get a Democrat from the House and a Republican from the Senate to carry this on our behalf in addition to Ramsey County lobbying for us, I think we stand a chance for 2021.