

# Memo

To: Village Board

Fr: Tracy Flucke, Administrator

Re: Acceptance of Historical Preservation Fund Subgrant

Date: March 10, 2014

The Village was notified last week that we were awarded a subgrant for \$6,900 to hire a consultant to complete National Register nominations for the two eligible municipal buildings - Community Center and the Water Building on Greene Ave. (see attached)

The grant covers the project at 100%. As previously discussed the grant does cover nominations for both buildings but the Village has some options in regard to the grant. We can do one of the following:

- 1) Accept the total grant and complete nomination papers for both the Community Center and Water Building.
- 2) Accept the total grant amount but use for Community Center and another individual private property nomination. Do not complete one for the Water Building.
- 3) Accept the grant amount only for the Community Center Building. (\$3,810.00).

The reason we may not want to apply for the Water Building is due to the indecision on future use of this building. When a building receives a National Register listing there are some stipulations that would need to be met if any improvements are made or the building is sold or demolished. The Village can still do work on the building and sell or demo it but a few steps would need to be taken first. For example:

- 1) If the Village leases the property the Village must include in the lease provisions which would protect the historical character and qualities of the property.
- 2) If the Village sells the property the village must obtain a conservation easement to protect the historic character and qualities of the property.
- 3) The village must notify the state historical preservation officer of any proposed action/work which would affect any historic property.

The Village Board is asked to make a recommendation on the Greene Ave Water Building and the importance of preservation. It is a beautiful building and definitely has some historical value.

When the Historic Preservation Committee applied for the grant we had some preliminary discussion on the two buildings and at that time the Village Board approved applying for the two buildings with the idea we could revisit it in the future if we receive the grant. We have now received the grant - (thanks for a successful grant application put together by Bobbie Fredericks) so the decision now needs to be made on the Water Building.

Please note I have summarized the steps needed above. Additional information will be forwarded to you by email for your review and use.