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Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, March 21, 2014.**

- Earlier this week, Public Works crews installed the two, pet-waste stations at either end of Cloninger Park near the walking track. The units are made of recycled plastic and are highly-durable. The receptacle, which is lined with a disposable bag, rests under a fully-closeable lid so that odors are kept to a minimum. We are also now preparing for the installation of the first two fitness stations along the walking track which were budgeted this year.
- Included in the packet for the Tuesday, March 25th Board Work Session is the draft of the Jagers Park plan for Phase I site improvements which will be partially-funded through the PARTF Grant award. This plan, as produced by Site Solutions, is a further refinement, based on actual survey and topographical studies, of the original plan submitted which was given funding approval. We will discuss it in further detail as part of the Work Session.
- On Thursday, the Planning Board met and held a Public Hearing on the proposed major re-zoning (residential to B-3 Central Business Commercial) of multiple properties along the Trade Street corridor. The Meeting and Hearing elicited significant public attendance and participation and resulted in the Planning Board "tabling" the matter and suggesting that it not be taken up again until after the Town first conducts and completes a comprehensive update of the Master land-use plan. I believe this to be an appropriate next step and should be considered by the Board and included and provided for within our upcoming FY 2014-15 Budget.
- As of this writing, we have now completed all informational and enrollment meetings with employees, and have enrolled all participants, relative to the roll-out of the new health insurance coverage program. We have also arranged for and processed the deposit of \$1500 to each individual, participating employee HSA Account effective with the April 1st coverage commencement date.
- Doug Huffman and I met with our Duke Energy liaison this week to go over the first preliminary estimate of the so-called "true-up" of the financials associated with our wholesale purchase Power agreement with Duke for the year-ended 12/31/13. In that regard, while the estimate remains preliminary and still subject to possible change up or down by as much as \$50,000, we expect a positive "true-up" to the Town in the neighborhood of \$200,000 – to be paid sometime in early July, right after the beginning of our new Fiscal year.

Thank You,

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