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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 9, 2014:

- The Agenda for the Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 15th was delivered today. Please note that the originally scheduled Planning Board meeting for that same evening is no longer to be held. As such, there is no conflict as to meeting space so **we will be holding the Budget Work Session at the Fire Hall Community Room and NOT at the Civic Building as planned.** Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
- The installation of the new cabinetry, countertops, sink, and hardware; as well as the repainting of the break-room area at Town hall was largely completed this week. There remains some minor hardware installations which should be fully finalized next week.
- The owner's of the Oak Grove Trailer Park have been consistently renting and/or selling marginal and substandard trailer units to undocumented aliens and then sending them to the Town to have utilities connected in their names. However, the Town, like virtually every utility provider in the State, requires those residents seeking utilities to produce unexpired, government-issued Identification to prove that they are who they say they are; and that they are identified within a system obligating them to file and pay taxes on earned income – in that way, we can use the State "Debt-set-off" program to recoup uncollectable debts should they skip-out on their utility obligations. This policy holds for anyone signing up as a new utility customer. Apparently, certain social welfare agencies have been complaining about our policy and suggesting we should not require ID, but instead simply hook-up any one who requests and pays the deposit. They had taken this complaint to the Gaston Gazette who, in turn, are likely to run a story on the issue in the next day or two. I spoke to their reporter and explained our policy and pointed out it was consistent with virtually every other provider, and with federal law. We are simply looking out for the financial best interests of the Town in an entirely non-discriminatory manner. The real story should be the advantage being taken of these individuals by the Trailer park owners –who typically charge them exorbitant amounts for the highly-substandard trailers and then require them to sign up for utilities, knowing they will be unable to under the policy.
- A privately-run, youth baseball tournament is being conducted this weekend at the County's Biggerstaff Park ball-fields and it is so large as to require additional fields to accommodate all the entrants. As such, the organizers have rented the Town's Carr School fields at the Non-Town, for-profit rates, including paying for lights. The plans are, and the organizers have requested, that the Town's Recreation Department will operate the concession stand during the Tournament so that participants and spectators will have ready access to refreshments.

Thank You,

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