

Memo

To: Village Board

Fr: Tracy Flucke, Administrator

Re: Acceptance of Historical Preservation Fund Subgrant

Date: March 25, 2014

As discussed at our last Village Board meeting we were recently notified 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. The grant covers the projects 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. **(recommended option)**
- 2) Accept the total grant amount but use for Community Center and another individual property nomination – Bishop Joseph John Fox Mausoleum is an option.(Barb has contacted the diocese to see if this is something they would be interested in) 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.

The Village Board needs to be aware of is the fact that anyone can hire someone to complete a National Registration nomination for the Water Building and the Village cannot object to it. Municipality can't object to listing. If we go ahead with the project now we will get Federal Funds to complete it.

The other thing to keep in mind is we are a CLG (Certified Local Government) and part of the certification is to preserve historic buildings in our community. It is a good way for the Village to lead by example.

The Village Board is asked to make a motion in regard to the National Register Nomination for the Greene Ave Building.