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Mason Schirmer

From: David Blommel <dblommel@sehinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Mason Schirmer
Subject: Ballpark Estimate

Interesting options here. Looks like we have a 1" water service on the SW corner of the park parcel. Perhaps a service for irrigation? I can't find record drawings for it, but our maps have it on there. It is going to be a slow process to flood a rink with that size service line. Sounds like most municipalities in the area use a hose and the 2.5" nozzle on a hydrant.

To extend the 1" service (assuming we can find it and it is not already in use) about 230 feet we are looking at about \$25 a foot plus a yard hydrant. Total cost is in the \$7000 range.

To get a 4" water main (or a 6" if we want a hydrant that can do decent fire protection) we would connect to the existing 10" main located across from 3rd Ave SE. That is about 380 feet at \$35 a foot plus some fittings, valves, and a hydrant (unless Jon has a salvaged one at the shop). We are going to get pretty close to \$20,000 for that option.

These are both just ballpark estimates. If you want something more detailed, let me know and I will be happy to do a detailed estimate with firmer quantities.

Dave

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Millwood Township
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March 16, 2015

The following was received recently. What, if anything, shall be done in response?

City of Freeport
125 Main Street E
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Freeport, MN. 56331

Mayor, Council Members, Clerk;

It's about time the City of Freeport, pay their fair share of the Freeport Fire Department as it is part of the City. They should be paying 50% of the budget and the other Fire Contract members the other 50%. Many townships are part of several Fire Departments Contract areas.

You may think 50% is too high according to market valuation, but your not comparing equal properties. The City of Melrose pays 55% to townships and small cities 45%. They have a larger tax base, but it only equals to 45%, but they feel as its the City of Melrose Fire Department that they should pay 55% a larger share than the contract areas and that makes sense.

Land should not be part of the valuation. With the high price of land the last several years, that's a conclusion. Farm site buildings are already high value, with out the land. Any property that overlooks water such as lake property are already assessed at a higher rate than regular houses.

Freeport with all the new housing and Industrial Park in the last 20 to 30 years should have a higher tax base, as it originally did.

Last year the packet of material sent out before the Fire Contract meeting was \$41,340.00 as was the 2014 proposal from the year before. The paperwork they gave out at the meeting was the same, until later in the meeting they passed out a correction paper with a higher amount for 2014 over \$10,000.00 higher than 2013. We have to budget a year in advance for the Fire budget and this was not in our budget for 2014. We raised our 2015 budget, but we don't get that till this year. Now they're raising it again. Than we find out at this years Fire Contract meeting that only half of us were assessed more in 2014 and that the City of Freeport didn't raise or pay there \$5,000.00 extra. You can't blame this all under changes in clerk, this was done last year and Mason was already there as I spoke to him after they sent out the raised 2014 bill.

What I know now, we should not have paid the higher amount, because not everyone was assessed a higher amount. Yes you're giving us credit, but you had use of the money for one year.

The Fire Department needs good equipment to fight fires and to protect the lives of the Fire fighters, we have no problem with that only the unequal payments. Another suggestion the attorneys conducting legal seminars say is based on the amount of calls. How that can be done fairly is another problem. You can't just take one year, you have to go back 3 to 5 years for an average, but even than is it equal?

Sincerely,



Clara Michael, Clerk
Millwood Township

**CITY OF MELROSE
2015 FIRE CONTRACT CHARGES
(Based on 2013 Net Tax Capacity)**

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	% OF AREA SERVED	TOTAL NET TAX CAPACITY	TAX CAPACITY COVERED	% OF TOTAL VALUATION	2015 CHARGES	LESS CREDIT	AMOUNT TO BE BILLED IN 2015
Birchdale Township	6.00%	1,390,842	83,451	3.7275%	2,939.65	(317.97)	2,621.68
Oak Township	17.00%	724,425	123,152	5.5008%	4,338.14	(469.24)	3,868.90
					0.00		
Greenwald, City	100.00%	91,211	91,211	4.0741%	3,212.99	(347.54)	2,865.46
Melre Grove, City	100.00%	60,387	60,387	2.6973%	2,127.19	(230.09)	1,897.11
Grove Township	100.00%	712,716	712,716	31.8346%	25,105.99	(2,715.61)	22,390.38
					0.00		
Millwood Township	17.00%	1,400,416	238,071	10.6338%	8,386.22	(907.10)	7,479.12
Melrose Township	86.00%	999,537	859,602	38.3955%	30,280.17	(3,275.28)	27,004.89
Getty Township	11.00%	638,368	70,220	3.1365%	2,473.56	(267.55)	2,206.01
		6,017,902	2,238,810	56.0143%	78,863.93	(8,530.36)	70,333.57
Melrose, City		1,758,044	1,758,044	43.9857%	96,389.15		
			3,996,854	100.0000%			
					45% of Budget to be paid by Contract Areas.....	(8,530.36)	70,333.49
					55% of Budget to be paid by City of Melrose.....	(10,426.00)	85,963.15
					TOTAL BUDGET	(18,956.36)	156,296.64
					175,253.00		