

AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
From: Steven J. Kingsbury, MBA, CPFA, MiCPT
Acting City Manager, Treasurer
Finance and Technology Director
Date: September 30, 2016
Regarding: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of October 3, 2016

MEDC ICE Grant. On Wednesday, September 28th Mr. James Espinoza from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) presented the \$509,039 Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant to the City of Clare. State Senator Judy Emmons, Mayor Pat Humphrey, Mayor Pro Tem Jean McConnell and Commissioner Karla Swanson took part in the presentation along with Brandon Fewins from Senator Stabenow's office, Sarah Brooks from Representative Moolenaar's office and Al Jessup representing the City's Department of Public Works.



During the grant presentation on behalf of Representative Moolenaar Sarah Brooks presented the enclosed Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to the City for its efforts in improving the water distribution system of the City.

Railroad Depot Restoration. At the beginning of this week we received confirmation of receipt of a \$25,000 donation from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation to assist the City in our restoration efforts of the Historic Clare Railroad Depot. These funds will go a long way in helping the City complete this wonderful project. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

Consumers Energy Tree Grant. On September 29th we were notified by Consumers Energy that the City of Clare's grant application for the replacement/planting of trees was approved in the amount of \$2,500. The City's Tree Advocacy Board has been notified and will continue their work along with the DPW over the next few weeks to finalize the purchase of the allowed 25 trees (\$100 per tree). Ten of the trees will be planted within local streets right of ways, ten will be planted within City Parks and the remaining five will be planted in the Cherry Grove Cemetery.

Dead Tree Removals. As the Commission is aware our state has experienced the loss of thousands of ash trees to the emerald ash borer and that the City of Clare has experienced this same problem to a fairly significant extent. The City's DPW has this week been working with Davey's Tree Service, who is contracted by Consumers Energy to trim and remove trees from electrical power lines, to remove seventeen dead trees throughout the City. These removals follow the fourteen that were removed with Davey's assistance last year and the 37 trees that our DPW removed without assistance during the past two years. At this point we have addressed the most pressing tree removals that needed to be done and have prioritized the approximately two dozen trees that still at this time need to be removed.

Bridge Inspections. Historically the City of Clare has contracted every other year with licensed engineers to conduct inspections of the six bridges that are owned and operated by the City within our public road system. With the increased awareness throughout the country of the critical nature of bridges and the potential of bridge failures an increased focus has been placed on all bridges throughout the state by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Because the bridges in Clare are older and there are some signs of age MDOT increased the frequency of inspection for our bridges to annually. During this year's inspections which are currently in process the Woodlawn Bridge was found to have some deterioration that resulted in a lowering of the structural condition rating and placing a load restriction on the bridge. There is no threat to public safety with the lowered rating, however it does pose some challenges to everyday in that particular neighborhood as heavy trucks will not be allowed to cross the bridge. We are currently working with structural engineers from Gourdie-Fraser to implement both an interim solution as well as cost efficient repairs to the bridge.

Attachments.

1. Rolland M. Gerstacker Foundation \$25,000 Donation Letter
2. MEDC ICE Grant Ceremonial Check
3. Certificate of Special Recognition from Representative Moolenaar

ROLLIN M. GERSTACKER FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 1945
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN 48641-1945

September 22, 2016

Ms Jill Sutton
Executive Director
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency
1574 E. Washington Road
P. O. Box 768
Farwell, Michigan 48622-0769

Dear Ms Sutton:

I am pleased to report that the trustees have approved a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to support the final phase of the Historic Clare Railroad Depot Restoration and Relocation Project. Our check for the full amount is enclosed.

By endorsing and depositing this check, you warrant that there has been no change in your I.R.S. tax classification as an organization described in Internal Revenue Service Code Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1), (2) and (3).

Please provide us with a receipt or other acknowledgment of this gift.

We are delighted to provide this support.

Sincerely,



E. N. Brandt
Vice President

cc: Mr. Ken Hibel, Manager, City of Clare

Enclosure: Check No. 11333

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MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Date September 28, 2016

Pay to the
Order of

City of Clare

\$ 509,039

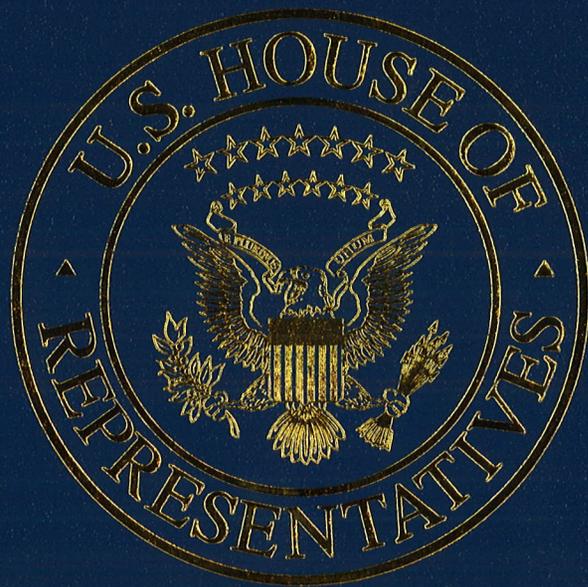
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Dollars

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Memo Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant

Michigan Economic Development Corporation
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Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

*Presented to
City of Clare*

Today, I congratulate the City of Clare upon being awarded an Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Grant through the Michigan Strategic Fund. This award will allow for water main improvements and is an important investment in the future of the city. Again, I applaud the City of Clare on its efforts to improve its local infrastructure and wish the city continued success.


JOHN MOOLENAAR
Member of Congress

September 28, 2016
WASHINGTON, DC
114TH Congress, Second Session