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Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope your summer is going well, and I am happy to provide you with this monthly update. During our July regular Council meeting we had the opportunity to review the City's 2016 audited financial statements with our auditor. I would encourage all residents to take an opportunity to look through our financial statements because they provide a wealth of information not only on how the City is performing but on what the City must rely on to finance its operations. Please contact City Hall to obtain a copy of the audit and financial statements. I am happy to report that in the last few years we have seen some positive changes to our financial position that I am happy to highlight below.

In 2016, we increased the net position of our governmental activities by over \$150,000 and increased our general fund balance by almost \$250,000. In 2014, we were in a position where that fund balance saw an increase of only \$6,607. The net position of our business-type activities (our utility) had decreased substantially as of year-end 2014. For the first time in years, we are reporting a net increase in our business-type activities of approximately \$80,000. In 2014, the utility owed the general fund over \$3.2 million. In early 2015, this was a contributing factor in Moody's downgrading our bond rating. Today, our utility is in a position where it is annually paying this inter-fund IOU back.

As I have discussed in prior updates, good things are happening in 2017 and are anticipated in the near future that will bring new sources of regular revenue into the City both inside and outside of our tax incremental finance districts, including the construction of a major, higher-end apartment unit complex; the addition of a brand new, several thousand square foot business in our Business Park; at least one additional façade improvement downtown; interior improvements at Crystal Finishing to add onsite medical and new technology operations; a new cellular tower lease on our westside water tower; and, in recent news, a possible 20,000 square foot expansion to Greenheck.

With some of these new revenue sources, I will be asking the Council as part of our 2018 budget planning to consider creating, for the first time in decades, a specific fund for local road improvements. Unfortunately, at the state level the vast majority of the debate regarding transportation concerns the 11,758 miles of the state highway system - not local roads. In Mosinee, as in many small communities, we struggle to keep up. In 2015, we issued millions in bonding to address street repairs and some residents are still living on severely deteriorating streets. Issuing bonds that take decades to pay off to finance 5 year street plans is simply not a sustainable strategy. How to best use new revenue sources to address road repairs while stabilizing property taxes needs to be seriously considered, whether that involves financing debt service on new bonding or paying outright for smaller projects that simply involve pulverizing and replacing existing pavement.

In other financing news, as the new Fire District Chairperson, I have been working with Chief Jennings and other board members on initial 2018 budget discussions. Capital needs permeate the fire and EMS departments as well, including outdated turnout gear and training aids that are over a decade old. We will be having several budget workshops over the next month to discuss these needs in greater detail.

I hope the remainder of your summer is pleasant, and I look forward to updating you again next month. As always, should you wish to discuss any City business with me directly please do not hesitate to reach out at City Hall.

Mayor Brent Jacobson



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BRUSH PICKUP SERVICE

The City of Mosinee provides brush pickup service for City residents.

The brush must be cut into lengths less than 6' long and piled neatly.

Any brush that has roots attached will not be picked up.

Brush will not be picked up for residents that are clearing a lot. Brush and tree limbs are picked up the third week of each month.

To have your brush picked up, call 715-693-3840, before the 3rd Monday, leave your name, address, and location of the branches.

AUTO-PAY YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL

Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility customers have the option to have their water and sewer bills directly deducted from their checking or savings accounts on the due date of each billing.

The ACH – Payment Authorization form is available on our website at www.mosinee.wi.us or at City Hall.

For more info contact City Hall – 715-693-2275

YARD WASTE - DISPOSAL SITE

The City of Mosinee Yard Waste site is open. The Yard Waste site is located @ 202 Fremont Street near Chuck's Boat Landing.

Please only use this site for dropping off: Leaves, Grass Clippings, Hedge Trimmings, Garden Refuse, etc.

Please do not drop off: :

Brush, Tree limbs, Christmas trees, Stumps, or any other garbage at this site.

SEE-CLICK-FIX

Do you have a pot hole in your street that needs to be filled, or a street light out? You can now use our citizen reporting software to notify the City of non-emergency issues in your neighborhood. Citizens can use the software to report:

- Abandoned Vehicle
- Animal Complaint
- Building without a Permit
- Debris in Road
- Garbage cans full at Park
- Garbage and Recycling Issues
- Graffiti
- High Grass
- Hydrant Leaking
- Noise Complaint
- Parking (Illegally Parked Vehicles)
- Pothole
- Request for Speed Board Trailer
- Sidewalk repair
- Snow on Sidewalk
- Speeding
- Vehicle Issues
- Street Light Out
- Unregistered Vehicles
- Property Maintenance
- Un-kept Property
- Water main break and other requests!

Residents can use either a desktop computer or a mobile device. Visit the address below for more details:

<http://www.mosinee.wi.us/seeclickfix.html>