

# ECKBERG LAMMERS

## MEMO

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**To:** City Council  
**From:** Katie Kranz  
**Date:** April 3, 2018  
**Re:** April City Council Meeting Memo

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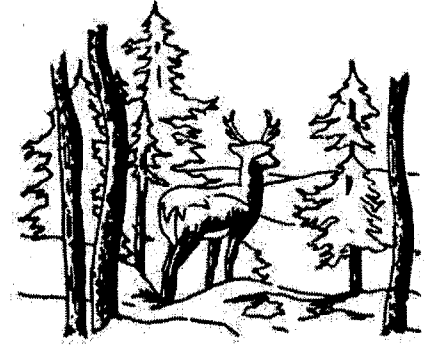
**16810 25<sup>th</sup> Street (Erdmanis):** Homeowner has been in contact with Ben Gozola at Sambatek. The homeowner has been working with Taylor Housley, a realtor with Keller Williams. There is a possibility of new construction, and Ben sent requirements for such construction directly to the realtor.

**16570 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (Pen):** Homeowner and her contractor, Ker Moua, have obtained the septic permit, and have applied for building, plumbing, and electrical permits. According to the Building inspector, the foundation, exterior walls and roof are structurally in good condition, and he will be issuing a building permit for the remodel.

**2111 Quentin Ave. (Rothers):** The Council gave the homeowner a December 31, 2017, deadline to repair the garage and clean up the debris in the yard. Per an update from the Building Inspector on January 4, 2018, the front yard has been cleared of junk, but there have not been any repairs to the garage, and no application for a building permit.

**Verizon Cell Tower:** Council member Olfelt-Nelson reviewed the Landscape Plan and her comments were forwarded to Rob Viera on March 1, 2018. The two planned to connect to discuss the comments and complete the Plan before the April meeting. The decommissioning bond has been secured, and all other payments pursuant to the Developer Agreement have been received. My office reviewed the property records, and it appears that the transfer from the Hubbards to the Valley Youth Center is complete (document number 1251235, recorded on December 26, 2017).

March 27, 2018



Ms. Cindie Reiter  
City Clerk  
City of St. Mary's Point  
16491 St. Mary's Drive  
St. Mary's Point, MN 55043

**Re: Clean Water Funds, Watershed-Based Funding Pilot Program – Follow up**

Dear Ms. Reiter:

We'd like to follow up with you regarding the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Watershed-Based Funding Pilot Program. You received an invitation letter in February 2018 to attend a convening meeting on March 7, 2018 at the Washington County Water Consortium, where information about this funding effort was discussed. As a reminder, Washington County, the Washington Conservation District (WCD), and the watershed organizations within Washington County have been meeting as a workgroup to discuss use of this funding among eligible entities. Cities and townships are also eligible entities, but only for projects that are also in a watershed organization's management plan. The goal for use of these funds is to have funding come through the watershed organizations to partner with cities on eligible and timely projects/efforts.

The recommendation from the workgroup for funding allocation under this pilot program is to equally distribute the \$787,600 among the 10 water planning entities within Washington County. This resulted from 1) the desire between all entities to get the money out efficiently and equitably with a very short (June 30) timeframe for discussion, 2) the feedback we heard at the convening meeting discussion, and 3) additional discussion amongst the workgroup following the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. This recommendation will be brought forth to our respective boards for discussion and approval this spring.

It should be noted that while funding is provided on a pilot basis, we do expect watershed based funding to continue into the future in some manner. The workgroup intends to continue to meet and discuss opportunities for more targeted, prioritized and measurable use of the funds, beyond just an equal split. This discussion will also be informed by the Lower St Croix One Watershed One Plan process and future funding decisions from BWSR, related to these two distinct efforts.

Like other activities funded with Clean Water Fund dollars, activities funded through this pilot program must protect, enhance, and restore surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater from degradation; or protect drinking water sources. Projects and programs funded through the program should not supplant other funding, but rather supplement existing funding. It is the full intent of the watersheds, as well as the WCD and the County, to work collaboratively with cities and townships to utilize these funds for cost effective and high impact projects and programs that will protect and enhance our surface and groundwater resources.



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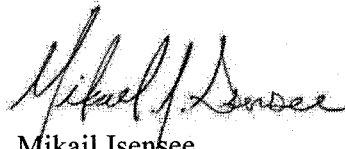
[www.vbwd.org](http://www.vbwd.org)

If you have any concerns with this path forward, please contact me to discuss at 952-832-2622 or [jhanson@barr.com](mailto:jhanson@barr.com). If your city or township has a potentially eligible project, please contact me to coordinate collaboration opportunities. We do expect to submit a workplan with projects to BWSR by July 2, 2018.

Sincerely,



John P. Hanson  
Administrator  
Valley Branch Watershed District



Mikail Isensee  
Administrator  
Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization

- c: Molly O'Rourke, Washington County Administrator (via email)
- Jessica Collin-Pilarski, Washington County Senior Planner (via email)
- Stephanie Grayzeck Souter, Washington County Senior Planner (via email)
- Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District (via email)

# Building Inspectors Report

Mayor & City Council

March 2018

RE: Project Updates:

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