

Town Manager Report

9/16/26

RFP for Auditor

While drafting the RFP for an auditor from 2026-2030 I noticed that the last RFP we published in 2022 was for fiscal years 2022-2026. The town selected David Green and Associates for the 2022 through 2026 audits, a five-year commitment. David did help Michelle and I complete the town's 2020 and 2021 audits at the request and recommendation of Michelle while she was interim town manager since we were having issues with Mayberry and Associates, the former auditor, being unresponsive and backlogged with other audits. I recommend we honor the 2022-2026 commitment and then issue an RFP for the 2027-2031 financial audits.

Dark Sky

I met with Michael Rhymer with the International Dark Sky organization on September 8th after applying and paying the \$250 fee. He told me that it takes most communities 1 to 3 years to complete all the steps before submitting the final application to receive the dark sky community designation. He also told me that they will be changing the rules and regulations required in the lighting ordinance over the next 3 to 6 months. We cannot use a resolution to qualify; it has to be a legally binding ordinance. We can get the needed letters of support from other community organizations and the letter of nomination from a certified dark sky organization and figure out how we will do the lighting measurements while we wait for them to make the changes they are considering. He recommended that we wait till they change the requirements before adopting an ordinance. It is ok if our letters of support and nomination are a year or two old before we pass the ordinance and submit our final application. I recommend we wait for the changes before adopting an ordinance and in the meantime, we can work on the rest of the items required for the final application.

Ballot Advertising

I would like Trustee feedback on whether or not to print an AD or do some kind of messaging that explains what the town ballot questions are about that will be on the November election ballot. I recommend we do.

SHALL THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES ON THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE REDUCED FROM SIX TO FOUR, TO TAKE EFFECT BEGINNING WITH THE TOWN'S 2028 MUNICIPAL ELECTION, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE MORE EFFICIENT TOWN GOVERNANCE AND REDUCE THE DIFFICULTY OF FILLING ELECTED POSITIONS?

SHALL THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION BE MOVED FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY IN APRIL OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS WHEN GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTIONS ARE HELD TO PROMOTE INCREASED VOTER PARTICIPATION, REDUCE TOWN ELECTION EXPENSES, AND ALLOW THE TOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS COORDINATED BY HINSDALE COUNTY?