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of
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TO: The Dodge County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Village of Lowell

RE: Distribution of ARPA Funds

DATE: January 19, 2022

Attached please find the ARPA Funds request on behalf of the Village of Lowell.

The Village is requesting funds to provide for the following:

	Approximate Cost
Emergency Siren	\$ 19,803.00
Emergency Generator	14,520.00
New Fire Hydrants	107,000.00

We appreciate the fact that Dodge County is looking into sharing these funds with the small communities in light of the fact that all Community budgets are very tight and funds are very limited.

Should you need any further information, please contact do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandy Pocius
Village of Lowell Clerk

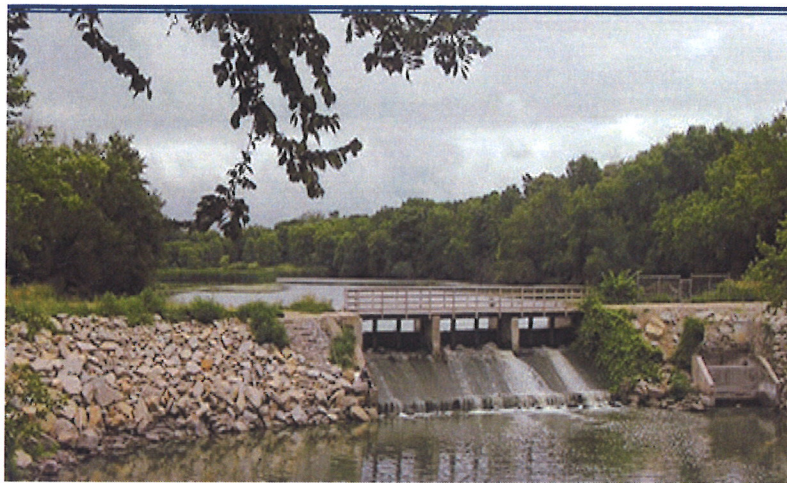
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Project description: New emergency siren

Project Timeline: 2022

Project Funding: 10% Village ARPA funds and 90% Dodge County ARPA funds.
Approximate cost for this project \$19,803.51.

ARPA Funds: The funds will be used to purchase and install a battery backup siren.

Partnership: Currently the Village of Lowell Municipal building does not have a backup source of power. If our tornado warning device were replaced with a battery back up system, it would warn residents of Lowell and surrounding areas of impending weather even in the event of a power outage.

ARPA Requirements: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility. Category 4 Storage (Providing reserves when power outages and other emergencies occur.)

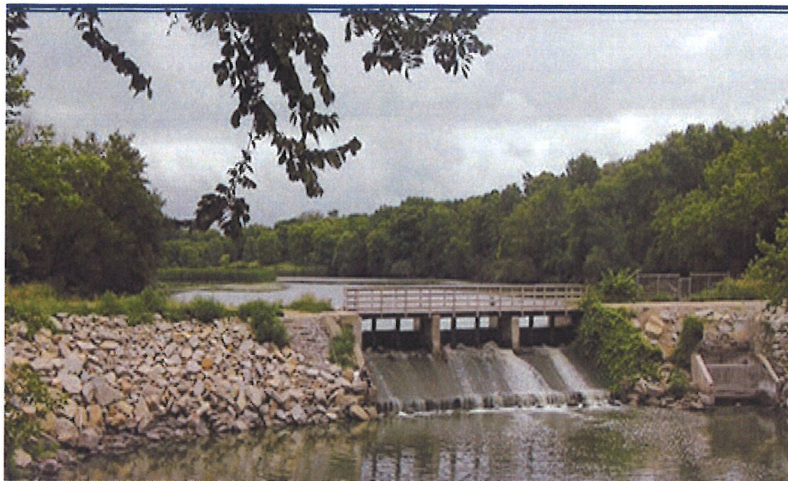
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Project description: 25kw Generator installed at Village Hall/Fire Station. Generator would provide backup power for the water tower and fire station in the case of emergency when normal electricity is out.

Project Timeline: 2022

Project Funding: 10% Village ARPA funds and 90% Dodge County ARPA funds. Approximate cost for this project is \$14,520.

ARPA Funds: The funds will be used to purchase and install the generator.

Partnership: Currently the Village of Lowell Municipal building does not have A backup source for power. This generator would allow our Municipal building, which acts as our emergency command center in the event of a natural disaster, to function with uninterrupted power.

ARPA requirements: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility. Category 4 Storage (Providing reserves when power outages and other emergencies occur.)

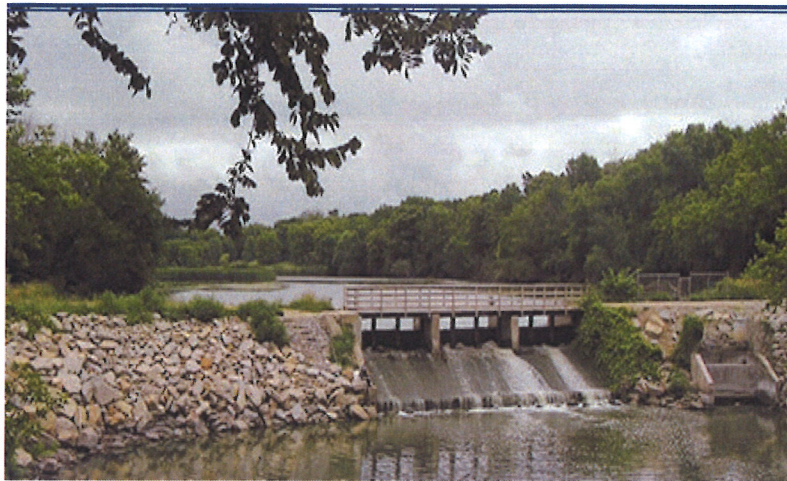
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Project description: Replace Fire Hydrants. The Village of Lowell Fire Hydrants are original to our system which was established in 1970. The Village only has 120 households to support our water and sewer system. To replace our hydrants and place the cost on the households would be a financial burden to our residents.

Project Timeline: 2022

Project Funding: 10% Village ARPA funds and 90% Dodge County ARPA funds. Approximate cost for 14 hydrants \$107,000.

ARPA Funds: The funds would be used to purchase and install new hydrants.

Partnership: Rehabilitation of the hydrants so that in the event of a major catastrophe in the village or surrounding communities, this would allow for the function of the hydrants and the water pressure to be at a maximum capacity and available for use (i.e. filling our tankards to take to other communities).

ARPA requirements: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility. Category 2 Transmission and Distribution (Appurtenances)



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To the honorable Board of Supervisors of Dodge County

Dear Supervisors,

Caine Transfer whose office is located in the Village of Lowell whole heartedly supports the Village of Lowell's request for a very small portion of the seventeen million dollars in ARPA funds available to communities in Dodge County. This year Caine Transfer is celebrating its 75th year in business and has seen the Village of Lowell, like many other small villages evolve from a thriving small business community to basically a bedroom community, which of course drastically affects its tax base.

The covid-19 epidemic is more or less responsible for the closing of our restaurant and tavern. This leaves a beauty salon the only small business left in the village.

The closing of these businesses and several unoccupied apartments have resulted in loss of income to the sewer, water and utility. The village was also required to replace its sewer plant and the water tower. These replacement costs have resulted in the highest sewer and water rates in the area, there for it is not possible to raise rates to pay for the backup generator or to replace the 50 year old fire hydrants the village desperately needs.

Thank you for considering the Village of Lowell's request for ARPA funding.

Sincerely,

Chet Caine

President

Caine Transfer Inc.

To whom it may concern

Here is a list of reasons and benefits two of the items the Village of Lowell requested funding for and how it would not just help the village but the surrounding townships, neighboring communities and the county as a whole.

First item that the village had attached a quote for would be the replacement and install of the Emergency Management warning / storm siren. It is a antiquated banshee warning system was built and install in the mid to late 1970s making it almost 45-50 years old. With that being said it runs on 240v 3 phase current which is a lot of energy.

The siren is starting to show its age after being used at least once a day for the last half century, the top of it is starting to collapse in on it self and needs to be overhauled.

Where the siren currently sits at the base of a very large hill behind the village hall the residents to the the north west and due west in the Township of Lowell . On several occasions when the wind is right including the July 28th 2021 storm that dropped EFI winds people could not hear the siren. This is partly due to the fact of the sound vertebrates its sound off the hill its next to.

Replacing the siren and moving it to the top of the hill next to the water tower with a new one would increase the safety of not just the Village of Lowell but the surrounding homes in the Town of Lowell. Increasing the reach and effectiveness of Dodge County's Emergency Management warning network for many years to come. Another advantage of updating the siren would replace the *40v 3 phase electrical to a 20 amp 110v-120v (think house hold electrical compared to big industrial) which is safer to deal with and draws much much less entertainment saving the village and county money in electricity costs. This is the same type of siren that the City of Beaver Dam has throughout their city.

The second item that the Villager of Lowell is requesting funding for is a diesel emergency backup generator that would be placed behind the village hall. The villages fire dept, police dept, USPS office, community room, water tower recirculating pump / heater as well as the emergency siren is all powered Byrne electrical feed into the village hall building. Meaning if there were to a be a power failure (mainly caused by tremulous weather) none of the vital entities would be able to respond in a very timely manner nor be able to power the emergency warning system which could be even more dangerous in a already dangerous situation.

By providing the requested diesel back up generator it would be able to provide back up power to the storm warning siren, allowing the fire and police departments to be able to get out of their garage stalls with out having to manually unhooking and lifting the heavy doors. While leaving everything open and exposed to the elements. As well as light up the building, power the fire and police department radios . The community room has the potential of being a warming shelter or a place to temporarily move people in case of an emergency in the village or the surrounding parts of the township. It could also be used as a incident command post or Emergency operations center.

Agencies and municipalities that the items would benefit.

Village of Lowell, Town of Lowell, Dodge County Emergency Management, Lowell Police Dept. CLR Fire & Rescue's multiple townships(6-7) & villages(3) they protect and their MABAS affiliates. Lowell public works / water dept.

In conclusion these two requested items would be beneficial to many agencies in Dodge County not just the Village of Lowell. and the residents that live within it.

Sincerely

George A. Anetsberger

Village of Lowell Trustee