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Russell Kottke
County Board Chair
127 E. Oak Street
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RE: Dodge County's American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Dear Chairman Kottke,

The Village is in need of water and sewer infrastructure updates. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has continually recommended placing generators at both of the well houses in the event of an emergency. While the DNR is not currently mandating the generators, it was strongly suggested to do so as it may become a requirement in the near future. We recently received quotes for three phase generators for both locations and it came in at just shy of \$65,000 each. In total, the Village would need to find \$130,000 to comply with the DNR's suggestion and potential future mandate.

Another potential mandate from the DNR is the need for a chlorination building at the wastewater treatment plant. The current building, which houses the chlorination and de-chlorination systems for the wastewater plant, is deteriorating beyond repair. Construction cost of a new 7x10 building would run approximately \$25,000. At each audit, the DNR has continually pointed out the deterioration of the building and strongly suggested replacement of such. It was also hinted at that that may become a future requirement to construct a new building, in order to be in compliance.

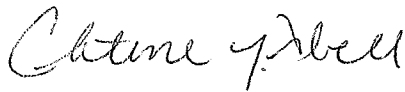
We recently undertook a project of trying to modify/outfit several antique water hydrants throughout the Village. The cost to modify them was approximately \$5,000 per hydrant. The modifications essentially removed and updated the core of the hydrant. Unfortunately, the modifications did not go as planned and several of the hydrants completely broke making them unusable. There are five hydrants within the Village that are over 100 years old, making modifications impossible to do. In order to completely replace all five hydrants, the Village will need to come up with \$75,000 (\$15,000 per hydrant).

Other infrastructure updates needed include generators for both our emergency shelter (Village Hall) and our Department of Public Works (DPW) building. Our Village Hall serves as an emergency shelter for residents living in the mobile home parks and is accessible to those residents in time of need. It would also be beneficial to have a generator at our DPW building which serves our utility offices and equipment storage. The generator that services our DPW building would also service the garages which house police and fire/first responder apparatuses.

The Village of Reeseville serves a population of 720, many of which are low to moderate income. We are asking for your help in allocating ARPA funds for use within the Village to complete the many updates we desperately need. A water rate increase was done on January 1, 2019 with many residents seeing an increase of almost \$20 per bill. As you can imagine, for many of our residents coming up with the extra money needed was hard to do and impossible for some. We understand the need for a sewer rate increase, which will be addressed at a Utility Committee meeting in the near future. However, even with the potential sewer rate increase, these projects will still be hard to accomplish without the help of the ARPA funds.

We ask you and the Board to consider our proposal and we look forward to the meeting on February 1st.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine M. Abell".

Christine M. Abell, Clerk-Treasurer
On behalf of the Village Board