# **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 9/16/19 Town Council Meeting

Date: September 12, 2019

### **Condo Grant:**

I have been contacted by Victor Berman regarding the condo grant for snow removal. After taking time to review the formula I have found that it includes a cost escalator to account for inflation and the cost of doing business. As a result, I informed him that the Town pays between \$40,000 and \$60,000 a year in grants to condos and provided him with the formula. If the Council is willing to increase the budgeted amount in the future we can revisit the formula to increase the amounts the condos are receiving. In my experience I have not heard of a community providing grants to private associations for snow removal or other services. That said, I have made a research request to CCM to further explore what other communities are doing.

## **Economic Development:**

Matt Galligan and I are currently working on a restaurant recruitment forum. Our hope is to get some regional major restaurants to come to the area and use data from Buxton to explain to them the benefit South Windsor will bring to them.

#### Tax Sale:

With the tax sale auction scheduled for October 1, 2019 Town staff have started to evaluate the properties and what is owed in back taxes by each one. We will set a minimum amount accepted for each property and will use that as a guide during the auction.

#### **PD Promotions:**

Based on the recommendation of Chief Custer I will be promoting 2 officers to the rank of Sergeant and Corporal. Both positions were included within the budget and will help

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the Chief meet his operational needs. Please join me in congratulating Sergeant Mark Halibozek and Corporal David Gesualdi. I am planning to present them to the Council at the meeting.

### **CDBG Grant:**

A little less than a year ago the Town of South Windsor and the Senior Housing Authority were awarded a Small Cities grant from the State to do renovations to their current housing facilities. After putting together designs and bidding the project out the responses came in approximately \$100,000 over budget. Over the last few weeks I have worked with the project architect and consultants to determine the best course of action. In the end we have made an additional request to the State for more funding to cover the gap. We are currently awaiting a response.