



# PUBLIC WORKS STAFF REPORT

<b>MEMO DATE:</b>	October 31, 2019
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	November 4, 2019
<b>TO:</b>	Village Board
<b>FROM:</b>	JJ Larson, Director of Public Works & Utilities
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Water Tower Lighting Project</b>

## BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW

The Village Water Utility completed construction of the water tower near I-94 in 2014. The project fulfilled many needs for the water system; it added long overdue storage capacity, brought increased system pressure to the north end, and made future growth to the north and west possible.

This vital piece of infrastructure also serves as a very aesthetically pleasing advertisement for our community, particularly our increasingly full Commerce Park.

Lighting the tower will draw attention to the community and our growing business district, particularly to those travelling west along I-94 where the tower can be seen for many miles; roughly 40,000 vehicles drive along this stretch daily according to the most recent data from the DOT.

Lighting the tower has been discussed, supported and approved by the Utility Commission and the Village Board. The project involved installation of a pole and two efficient lights aimed up at the tower to illuminate "Cottage Grove." Despite a few slight challenges, the work was completed in late October.

Utility Commission Chair Rogers would like to hold an event to officially light up the tower on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, in the Commerce Park, that includes the entire community to celebrate this event.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Yes!

Let's light it up and celebrate our current business community, our future business growth and our fun, functional water infrastructure!