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MEMO DATE: March 11, 2021

TO: Village Board

FROM: Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee

RE: Solar Panels on Municipal Services Building

The Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee has been investigating and discussing installation of solar panels on the Municipal Services Building for a number of months. In addition, the Public Works Committee and Utility Commission have discussed this project prior to the establishment of the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee. The Committee recommends that the Village add the installation of a solar panel system on the Municipal Services Building in the preliminary 2022 budget.

- The Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee has been investigating options to install a roof mounted solar system at the Municipal Services Building at 210 Progress Drive.
 - o The Committee has discussed a number of different options to utilize renewable energy in our operations.
 - o The Committee is recommending that the Village Board add a solar panel system for the Municipal Services Building to the preliminary budget for 2022.
 - The preliminary estimates for the full cost of the system (without incentives) is approximately \$175,000 as laid out in the attached proposal prepared by one of the Committee Members that is an expert in the field (Catie Malcheski).
 - The Committee will work to refine the estimate by gathering RFPs as the budget season gets closer to provide exact numbers for final approval this fall.
 - If added to the preliminary budget, the Committee will be able to pursue grant opportunities to offset the costs of the installation, including but not limited to the Solar for Good grant program with application period opening April 1st.
 - The Committee will continue to work with staff to gather any additional costs that may or may not be necessary for the installation, including information on the roof condition, so that information is available during the budget approval process.

The Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee recommended adding the solar panel system installation on MSB to the preliminary 2022 budget with a vote of 5-0-0.