

Item 23-0501: Addition of Greenville to East Central Weights and Measures Consortium

Board of Health
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Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 04:09

23-0501 addition of Greenville to the East Central Weights and Measures Consortium. Dr. Sepers, would you like to introduce Eric?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 04:22

Yes, and I'll go ahead and have City Sealer Eric Maggio talk about this item.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 04:29

Okay. Welcome, Eric.

Eric Maggio (City Sealer) 04:31

Thank you for having me. In the first quarter of 2023 Greenville reached out to us to conduct a survey of their community for Weights and Measures purposes. As you know, when a city or village over 5000—well, since Greenville decided to turn into a village and go through that process, they're required, since they're over 5000 residents, to have a weights and measures service contract through another community or contract with the state.

Eric Maggio (City Sealer) 05:04

They reached out to us. We did a survey and identified 13 establishments requiring the annual Weights and Measures inspections. That would result—indicate eight service days per year needed to meet the inspection requirements for the local businesses. There are large—it's a mixture of retail and gas stations. They also have the airport there.

Eric Maggio (City Sealer) 05:29

These—the addition of Greenville to the consortium won't impact staffing levels because of efficient inspection processes and extensive workforce training implemented during COVID 19 pandemic. This would result in about \$3,500 in annual revenue without any additional costs to salary and fringe. With the Village of Greenfo— Greenville officially part of our consortium, they'll benefit from top quality inspection services, consumer protection, and fair business practices. And it'll further enhance our weights and measures program's success and reputation.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 06:14

Excellent. So, let's make a motion to approve to get it on the table for discussion.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 06:21

So moved.

Deborah Werth (Board of Health) 06:22

Second.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 06:24

Okay. Yep. Mayor Woodford. Oh, oh, okay. Yep. Gotcha. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 06:31

Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Good morning. I just want to take a moment and recognize the great work that Eric and his team are doing in our health department. The state legislature right now is actually—the assembly's put forward a bill on shared revenue, among other things. One of the one of the provisions that they're proposing is a fund, an innovation fund that would incentivize local governments to identify opportunities to join forces and provide shared services across community boundaries.

Mayor Jake Woodford 07:13

And I just want to point out that this is one of the ways that Appleton is already doing this. And not just in a in a small way. This is one of the largest, if not the largest, consortium for Weights and Measures in the state. And it really is something for us to be proud of. It is an example of a way that a community can provide leadership and services for communities, for neighbors. And we're really proud to be home to this program. But it doesn't happen by accident, it takes a lot of work to get out into the our neighboring communities, to let them know about the services that we offer, to help them understand how we can help, and to provide a great service.

Mayor Jake Woodford 07:55

We're really proud of the work that that City Sealer Maggio and his team do every day for us. And this is a—this is our consumer protection mechanism as a city. So that that's the other thing to keep in mind is when we think about every time you go to the gas pump how do you know that you're pumping a gallon? How do you know? We know because we trust that the pump is appropriately calibrated. But how do we know? How do we assure that as a city? We do that with Weights and Measures. That's just one example.

Mayor Jake Woodford 08:30

So again, I just wanted to take a moment and recognize the great work that this team is doing. And this is a real point of pride for us as a city. So, I'll be happy to support the addition of another community to the consortium. Thank you.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 08:44

Excellent. Any other comments or questions? All right. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes.