



## Memorandum

DATE: November 26, 2014

TO: Menasha Board of Public Works

FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works *MR*

RE: Intent to Apply for Focus on Energy Incentive Funds

We were recently informed by WE Energies of a street light billing audit that determined the City has been overbilled for street lighting. The audit identifies an overbilling amount of \$69,679.77 going back 6 years. Additionally, going forward, the City stands to realize a monthly savings of \$1,204.69 in its WE Energies street lighting bill.

Several years ago, the City converted a portion of the existing high pressure sodium (HPS) street lighting to more energy efficient induction lighting through the use of an EECBG grant. The 2015 Budget includes \$6,000 for conversion of HPS street lighting to LED lighting. Coupled with the unexpected WE Energies overbilling, we investigated the possibility of applying for Wisconsin Focus on Energy (FOE) incentives for street light conversion. The FOE program application period is set to expire in 2015 but applications are still being accepted through 2014.

It is our intent to apply for FOE incentive funding prior to the deadline to preserve our ability to utilize this incentive should the City decide to convert additional HPS lighting to LED lighting in 2015. The application does not commit the City to the proposed conversion and any proposal to do so would be brought back to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval.

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