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Subject

RIVERBANK EROSION POSES POTENTIAL THREAT TO OXFORD FIRE STATION.

On-going riverbank erosion over the last decade continues to advance on the 45-year-old Oxford fire station. This situation has prompted the village and fire Department to quicken the pace of review of long-term fire service needs

The Village Board and Oxford Fire Department have established a facilities review committee and contracted with Hueber-Breuer Fire Services Company to conduct a feasibility study. This study will assess the existing and future infrastructure needs of Fire District # 23. This full assessment includes the riverbank erosion, existing conditions of fire station facilities and an analysis of how the station can best meet the long-term-needs of district residents and the fire Department.

The study objective is to analyze the current district infrastructure, evaluate the immediate and future needs of the fire district, and produce a fiscally responsible plan that satisfies those needs for the next 40-50 years. The safety of district residents and Department members is a primary concern of the committee. The final product of this study will be a Facilities Master Plan for Fire District # 23.

The committee consists of members of the Village Board, Fire Council, Fire & EMS department, and community. Hueber-Breuer will facilitate the 6-month process culminating with the submission of a Master Plan in December 2019. The committee will gather information regarding the current and future needs of the fire district without bias to any particular solution. The goals are to:

1. Educate committee to current conditions of buildings and grounds
2. Inform district taxpayers through public forums of the condition of the buildings and grounds
3. Reaffirm the fire department's role in protecting the community while also maintaining high safety standards for all department members.
4. Utilize public forums to solicit input from district residents regarding fire district needs.

The Village Board and the Fire Department are committed to being publicly and fiscally proactive relative to infrastructure, emergency equipment and member retention. The public is invited to join this effort at the first of a series of Public forums commencing Monday, August 5th at 7 PM at the Oxford fire station on Main street in the Village.