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**JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

The Jonesville City Council business at their September 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting focused on potential improvements to City owned facilities, as well as an expenditure for equipment to support the Fire Department.

The City will seek proposals for the redevelopment of the factory formerly occupied by Klein Tools in the Downtown. The Council's action approved the recommendation made by the Downtown Development Authority to entertain proposals from interested developers for a new use for the property. Those interested in submitting a proposal should visit the City's website: [www.jonesville.org](http://www.jonesville.org).

In other business, the Council approved payment requests for improvements to the laboratory at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and for temporary repairs to the City Hall roof, due to August storm damage. The laboratory allows for daily testing as a part of the City's public water and wastewater services. The City also offsets costs by providing laboratory services to outside parties. The laboratory improvements have been planned for several years and were included in the current City budget.

City Manager Jeff Gray stated that the temporary roof on City Hall has it weather tight while estimates are prepared for final roof repairs and restoration from water damage in the office space. He confirmed that the storm siren previously mounted to the roof was damaged in the storms, as well. Estimates are also being sought for a replacement siren. All of these repairs will be addressed as an insurance claim.

There is no firm construction schedule at this time, as it is subject to both contractor availability and material availability. The City offices have temporarily relocated to the Jonesville Police Department at 116 W. Chicago Street while repairs are completed.

The Council also approved the purchase and rental of turnout gear for the Fire Department, as recommended by Director of Public Safety Kurt Etter. Turnout gear is the coat, pants, boots and gloves that protect a firefighter on scene. Director Etter recommended reallocating funds

budgeted for other purposes to replace outdated equipment. In approving the purchase, Council noted that this equipment is essential to assuring firefighter safety.

The City Council also heard a presentation from Maribeth Kaltz, Case Manager for the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center, regarding the Successful Aging through Financial Empowerment (or SAFE) program. The program is free to older adults or their caregivers to assist with financial management, fraud prevention, and identity theft recovery. Those interested in receiving these free services can contact Kaltz at (517) 437-2422, ext. 171 or [mkaltz@hillsdaleseniors.org](mailto:mkaltz@hillsdaleseniors.org).

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