GREENVILLE FACILITIES COMMITTEE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO’S ON THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE?
The eleven member Committee has broad representation, including Town leadership, Fire/EMS personnel, Town facilities staff and Greenville residents. In addition, the Committee is working with an architectural firm to help develop the project. Committee members include: Chairperson, Andy Peters, Dean Culbertson, Greg Kippenhan, Ken Zilisch, Janel Jochman, Larry Bentle, Steve Nagy, Tim Lambie, Mark Evers, Eric Kitowski and Dave Tebo.

WHAT IS THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE’S JOB?
The Facilities Committee was asked by the Town Board to research the future facility needs of Greenville and recommend to the Board best options for meeting these needs. The Committee wants to ensure that any projects proposed will meet Greenville’s long-term needs as well as the interests of taxpayers. They are carefully reviewing multiple facility options based on inventories presented by Town staff, and analyzing the current financial condition of the Town with advisors from Ehler’s and Associates.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE?
Although the Committee is in the beginning phase of planning, considerations include a new Fire/EMS station, enhancing the Town Hall and re-purposing the existing Fire Station. These considerations may evolve and change as the Facilities Committee gets further into the process.

DO WE REALLY NEED ANY NEW FACILITIES?
Part of the Facilities Committee’s responsibilities includes evaluating needs and any potential new facilities or projects. The Committee will examine the history of Town growth and how that growth may have impacted current facilities.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?
Until a needs determination is made, and possible solutions identified, it won’t be possible to identify a cost. You can be assured the Facilities Committee takes its fiscal responsibility to the community and residents seriously.

WILL A REFERENDUM BE HELD FOR ANY PROPOSAL THAT IS MADE?
Yes. Residents will be able to participate and voice their support or opposition in an advisory referendum.

WHAT IS AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM?
An advisory referendum allows Town residents to voice their opinion on a certain issue. This type of referendum is often used by municipalities. The results serve as a guide to assist Town leadership in making final decisions. An advisory referendum is not binding for the Town as specified by state statutes.

WILL THE COMMUNITY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROJECT AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK PRIOR TO A REFERENDUM VOTE?
Yes! As a resident of Greenville, your input and feedback is important. The Facilities Committee will be coordinating meetings to share information with residents as well as hear your comments and suggestions and answer your questions. Residents will be notified once dates and times for community feedback have been determined.

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When is the referendum, and what is the timing of the projects?
We are targeting a fall 2015 advisory referendum. A more specific date will be shared in upcoming weeks. Project construction could begin as soon as the summer of 2016 with Town Board and community approval.

Has the GFC considered a second Fire/EMS station to the south?
No. While a second fire station was suggested in a study from 2010, a more recent study, which the committee has based its planning on, has determined a second station would not be needed. The Greenville Fire Department has automatic aid agreements with the Clayton-Winchester Fire Department, the Town of Menasha Fire Department and the Airport Fire Department to help cover the area to the south of town.

Will the Fire/EMS station also house offices for other town administration?
No. The committee is considering ideas to expand the Town Hall to accommodate current and future staff. In addition, Public Works, GIS and Parks staff would also be relocated to Town Hall to alleviate congested space in the Public Works facility and help centralize staff in one location.

Will more staff need to be hired because of the new Fire/EMS station?
No. While there is an operating plan that outlines the addition of more staff in the future, it is independent of whether a new station is built or not. Any new staff hired is based on call volumes and work load. It’s also important to remember that Greenville Fire and EMS has a strong and dedicated volunteer base, which helps to off-set the need for full and part-time staff.

Who can I contact if I have a question or concern about this project?
Questions can be directed to spaceneeds@townofgreenville.com.