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Interim Rhineland City Administrator
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RE: Oneida County Fair

Dear Mr. Kost:

Thank you for your letter of November 28, 2017 referencing two items regarding the Oneida County Fair. I read the letter into record at the Monday, December 11, 2017 Conservation and UW Extension Committee.

Regarding admission to the fair; I am a proponent of admission. On a yearly basis, the fair addresses the challenge of staying fiscally viable. Great effort is expended by the Fair Coordinator and others on the Fair Board to raise funds. I believe that asking for a dollar contribution for a segment of the 15,000 people attending the fair could raise funds that would add to the sustainability of the fair. Be it a thousand dollars or five thousand dollars, every dollar helps and admission is a readily available source.

The logistics is a challenge but I believe that the vast majority of people, both those taking money and those attending, are honest. My feelings are shared by some on the Administration Committee and on the UW Extension Committee. I would ask the Fair Committee as well as the City to give this a hard look.

To the other question for a long term commitment from the County for the fair to continue at Pioneer Park, I reference the enclosed lease agreement between the County and the City regarding the Fair and Pioneer Park. That document is in effect through December, 2019.

The UW Extension Committee asks for clarification as to what the City is asking.

1. Does the City want a lease agreement for 2020, 2021, and 2022 added to the existing lease that would amount to a five year commitment? (OR)
2. Does the City want a new agreement beginning in 2020 and running through 2024 representing a different five year period – this would represent actually a seven year agreement. (2018-2024)
3. The committee would also be interested in the commitment the City has to the Oneida County Fair both in infrastructure and financial commitment.

Please let me know if you would be able to attend the January 8, 2018 Conservation – UW Extension meeting to address our questions. The meeting begins at 1:00 on the Lower Level of the Oneida County Airport building.

Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,
Bob Mott

Oneida County Supervisor District 7
Chairperson Conservation- UW Extension Committee

Cc: Oneida County Board Chairman Dave Hintz

Enclosed: Oneida County- Rhinelander Fair Lease Agreement