

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,900,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of designing, upgrading, constructing and otherwise renovating the Lansing Millis building, which amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Discussion

The Lansing Millis building, or as more commonly referred to as the old Millis train station, is in dire need of repairs. Without these repairs, the deterioration will progress to such a point that the integrity of this beautiful old structure will be compromised to such a degree that renovation will become unacceptably expensive.

Although renovation of this facility has been discussed for several years, no specific purpose could be determined for the future use of the building other than just having a beautiful old structure in Town that has historical significance for the Town of Millis. However, after much consideration for repurposing this building, it has been determined that both the Building and DPW Departments would like to move into the space that would be available as a result of renovating this building.

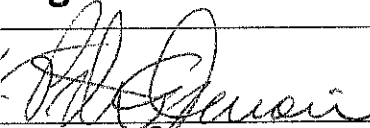
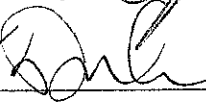
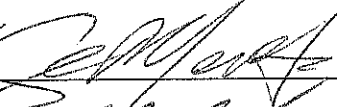
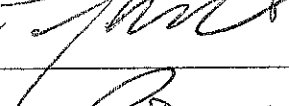


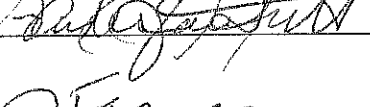
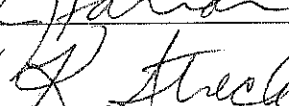
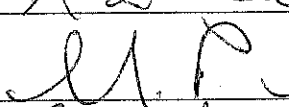
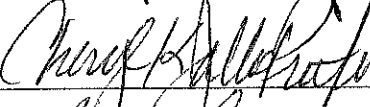
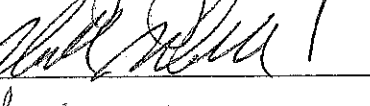
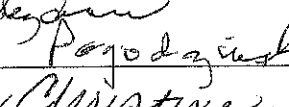
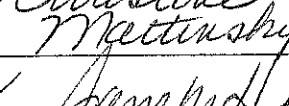
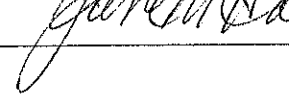

Moving these two Town departments into a renovated Lansing Millis would also enhance the opportunity to significantly increase the space available for seniors in VMB. That additional space would be incorporated into the plan to upgrade and enhance the senior facilities that are presently located in VMB. This plan is discussed in greater detail in the petition for upgrading and enhancing the senior facilities in VMB.

The petitioners recommend approval of this article.

Millis Town Clerk
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CITIZENS PETITION - RENOVATION OF LANSING MILLS BUILDING

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✓ 	Jennifer Ennos	7 Rolling Meadow Dr
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,500,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of designing, upgrading, expanding, constructing and otherwise renovating the senior center located in VMB, which amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Discussion

The existing senior center, located on the ground floor of VMB, is a relatively uninviting and poorly organized space that does not adequately meet the needs of the seniors as presently configured. Though other options have been considered, they are expensive, would significantly add to the tax levy which tends to fall disproportionately on seniors with limited and fixed incomes and would be located outside the center of Town which would make it more difficult for seniors who visit the center to take advantage of the Town's establishments such as restaurants, the library, Town Hall and other public facilities. Additionally, there is no immediate expectation for significant tax relief as a result of items coming off the debt service schedule since most of the expensive items are ten years or less of age.


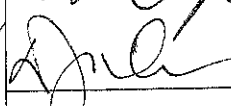
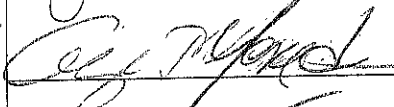
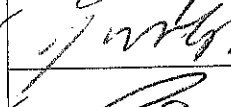

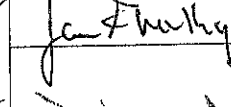


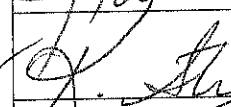
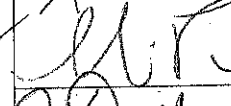

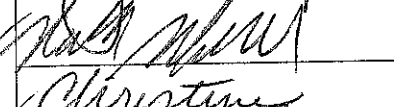
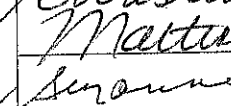
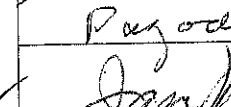
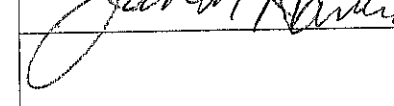
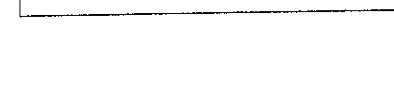
The purpose of this article is to upgrade and renovate the existing senior center to a more modern, bright and inviting atmosphere consistent with the architectural preferences of the 21st century and to increase the available space for functions. This would include renovation of the basement areas presently occupied by the senior center as well as incorporating the south end of the first floor of VMB into the senior center. The additional rooms could be multi-purpose for senior meetings and functions and secondarily for use by Town residents for meetings and group functions. The first-floor rooms that would be made available as part of this renovation would include room 130, the Building and Recreation departments. Two departments, DPW and Building, would be moved to the renovated Lansing Millis building. Both departments have indicated a desire to occupy that renovated facility, thereby freeing up the space necessary in VMB for the expansion of the senior center. The Recreation Department would move to a portion of the space presently occupied by the DPW Department, with the remaining space at that location to be configured for additional conference rooms. These new first-floor rooms of the upgraded and renovated senior center would be designed to provide the open and airy feeling of the open space concept consistent with the design of the more modern facilities that are being constructed in the 21st century.

The petitioners recommend approval of this article.

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CITIZENS PETITION — UPGRADE & RENOVATION OF SENIOR CENTER

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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,500,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of designing, purchasing and constructing an enclosed sports facility to house four or more combination pickleball and tennis courts to be located at one of the locations known generically as Cassidy Farm or the Braun Property or such other similar location as deemed appropriate by the Town officials to ensure and not delay its construction, which amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Discussion

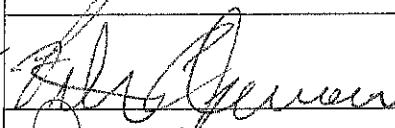

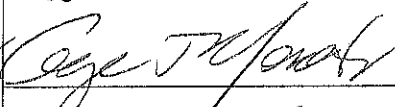
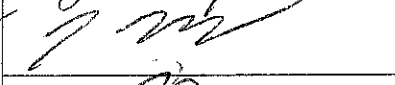
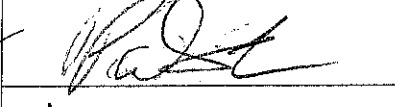
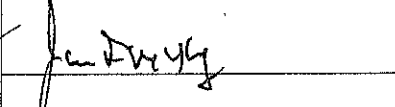
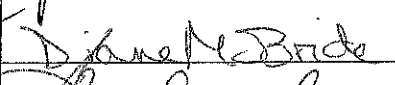
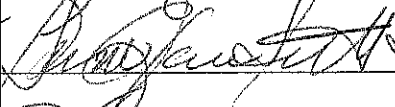
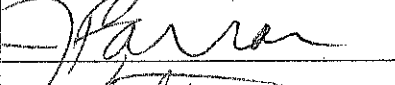
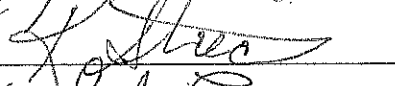
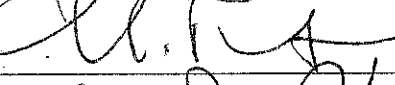
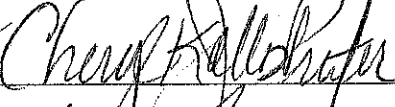
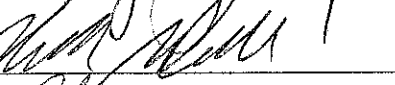
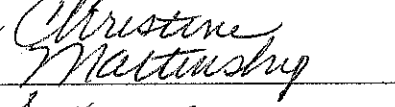
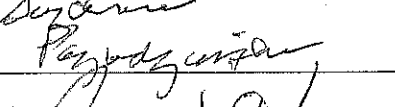
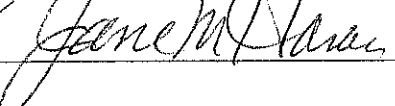
The purpose of this petition is to provide for the construction of enclosed recreational facilities in a more cost-effective manner than as presently proposed with respect to the construction of a new senior center. This facility would be constructed independent of any upgrade or construction of a new senior center. As presently proposed, the enclosed pickleball and tennis courts would potentially be constructed as part of the proposed new senior center with an estimated added cost to that facility of between \$4M-and-\$5M.

Many towns, colleges, universities and other institutions have constructed standalone facilities similar to those which are being proposed in this petitioned article. The cost to construct such facilities is typically 10%-to-30% less than the brick-and-mortar design presently being proposed as part of the proposed new senior center. More importantly, these facilities are not predicated on those facilities being constructed. These facilities, which could be either an air-supported or metal structure, are relatively inexpensive, can be constructed easily and quickly and will meet the needs of the community for these sports to be played indoors in all weather conditions.

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