

Allendale

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

"Where community is more than just a concept!"

Dear Board of Trustees and Members of the Public,

In 2022, Allendale Charter Township will move into the final phase of a project more than a decade in the making. The McGrath Consulting Group identified the need for a new fire station in 2008.

Fast forward to 2018 and the Township began planning for a new fire station in earnest by dedicating funds and contracting with an architect. Over the next few years work was done to evaluate and refine the plans as well as prepare the community to meet the large financial investment needed to build a new fire station.

Then in 2021, with more than a decade of conversations and three years of heads down planning, execution on the multi-phase fire station construction plan began. With the support of the Allendale Downtown Development Authority and in conjunction with planned park improvements, phase one of the project was executed. A new entrance, driveway, and extended walking paths were added to the Township property. This gave better access to the park and town hall, while also preparing the way for the fire station to come.

I am thankful to be a part of the work being done to serve this community and excited to see the construction of Allendale's new fire station begin in 2022. I'm also thankful for the Allendale Downtown Development Authority and Grand Valley State University. Without their financial support we would not be able to make this needed investment in our community. Below you will find a high-level breakdown of costs, with some notes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin Yeomans, Assistant Township Administrator

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Total Project:
\$6,900,000

2018 - 2020
Planning & Prep
\$286,000

2021
Design Finalization & Start
\$638,832*

2022+
Final Execution
\$6,015,057

Additional Notes

While costs were projected in a way to protect us from rising construction costs, steel costs have skyrocketed over the last year. Steps are being taken to reduce these risks as much as possible, but it does exist.

Supply Chain issues will be a concern as we move into active construction.

Property being used by the new fire station and other recent improvements is encumbered by state and federal recreation grants. Because this land will no longer be available in terms of the original grant agreements, the property must be mitigated. This will likely be a multi-year process that will be completed after the fire station is built.

**Originally the new parking lot west of the Township Hall was planned to be put in at a to be determined later date. As construction approached it was determined it would be the more cost effective and less disruptive to put in the parking lot with the new driveway. This cost an additional \$40,000 and was not a part of the fire station budget.*