



To: President Koultourides and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Town Manager Dustin Anderson

Date: May 3, 2021

Re: 2021 Local Government Financial Assurance Test

The purpose of this memo is to request Town Council approval for Baker Tilley to complete the appropriate financial analyses to ensure that the Town of Munster complies with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) financial assurance provisions for landfills.

IDEM requires documentation from the Town regarding financial assurance of the landfill. This requirement has traditionally been in place to assure IDEM that a private business owner operating a landfill site has placed financial assurance on record in case the owner closes the business without any warning, leaving behind a brownfield. The provisions in 329 IAC 10-39-2(a)(6) apply to municipalities as well, despite the fact that the same risks are not involved. In an attempt to comply with the standards of the Indiana Administrative Code, the Town has requested that Baker Tilley provide an estimate for the work that must be completed to provide IDEM with the proper financial assurance.

Baker Tilley has previously completed numerous reports on the financial status of the landfill for the Town and therefore has the appropriate financial information to provide IDEM with information about the Town's general financial well-being. IDEM does not stipulate that the Town passes any further bonds or pay any sums of money at this time to comply with the financial assurance provisions.

The following documents are attached for review:

1. Letter of engagement from Baker Tilley for the proposed financial advisory services
2. 2020 Local Government Financial Assurance Test, completed by Baker Tilley

The expense of these financial analyses is to be funded from the Solid Waste Management Fund.

Recommendation:

By motion and roll call vote, authorize the Town Manager to accept the letter of engagement with Baker Tilley to perform the appropriate financial assurance analysis, not to exceed the amount of \$6,300, to ensure that the Town of Munster complies with IDEM's financial assurance requirements.