

CORRECTION regarding application of transparency requirements to General Improvement Districts

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Deb:

Please forward this email to the Mayor and Trustees:

Mayor and Trustees:

During the work session regarding special districts at last Tuesday's meeting, you may recall we discussed transparency requirements imposed on special districts beginning in 2021 and, in particular, the effect of Senate Bill 21-262 which requires among other things that the district create a website available to the public on or before January 1, 2023.

The question came up whether the transparency requirements and the mandate for a website contained in SB 21-262 applied to General Improvement Districts, such as the Grand Elk GID and I told the Board that I thought it did. That was in error. The new transparency requirements including the mandatory website apply only to metro districts, and not to general improvement districts.

This different treatment of metro districts and general improvement districts could simply be a legislative oversight. More likely however, since general improvement districts are governed by the legislative body of the municipality, such as the Town Board, they have always been more open, public and transparent. The business of general improvement

districts is generally conducted in conjunction with a municipality's regular Board meeting and the general improvement district's audit is provided as part of the Town's public audit, for example.

In any event, I wanted to get this correction to the BOT as soon as possible. If any of you have questions or want to discuss the matter further, please feel free to give me a call.

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