



October 25, 2022

Dear members of the TCAPS Board of Education,

VISION

On behalf of the Acme Township Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present this proposal focused on providing township services, plus social and educational opportunities, for community members spanning all ages and abilities. Specifically, and after appropriate due diligence, Acme Township is committed to transforming the Bertha Vos school and property into a “Municipal and Civic Center” that will deliver services and engaging, creative programming to all who visit us.

CAPACITY, 4 AGENCY PARTNERS, and PROGRAMMING

- Ownership and Management Capacity. Acme Township will: purchase the property; repurpose; manage; maintain; and responsively evolve it as the community’s needs change. We have outgrown our current township hall; the Bertha Vos property will be our new home today and into the future.
- 4 Agencies, seeking to expand services, have signed Letters of Interest (attached) to join us.
 1. Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network: a dedicated space for area Seniors to socialize, enjoy activities, attend wellness classes, play games, grab a coffee, and just not be alone.
 2. Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority: a right-sized “New Station 8” to replace Acme’s 1953 volunteer fire station with leased sleeping trailer, cramped bays, and tight in/out access.
 3. Northwestern Michigan College: opportunity to reach all ages through a broad, vibrant mix of year-round enrichment classes, delivering to College’s recently-adopted Strategic Plan, NMC Next.
 4. Traverse Area District Library: potential to engage all ages through year-round calendar of creative programming choices that bring everyone together no matter where in region you may live.
 5. A 5th potential partner will be identified through an RFP process: Pre-K Daycare Center with dedicated, fenced playground. This much-needed Daycare Center will offer those who live and/or work in the area a safe and convenient place to take their children.

BENEFITS TO ENTIRE TRAVERSE CITY COMMUNITY

- New Acme Township Hall and Assembly Space with 21st century technology to increase outreach.
- Reactivated community park and gathering place with seasonal activities for all people, all ages.
- “New Station 8” provides fire, EMS coverage for Acme, East Bay, Garfield; backup for Whitewater.
- Acme’s Senior Center will welcome regional residents, Acme and beyond, that seek “community.”
- NMC’s educational offerings will be available to anyone throughout the Traverse City area.
- TADL’s programming, often unique to a branch, will encourage regional people to visit Acme.
- Pre-K Daycare Center will afford regional parents, with young children at home, the ability to work.

As Supervisor of Acme Township, I am authorized to obligate the Township to proceed with purchasing the Bertha Vos property. We look forward to speaking with you soon with more details.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Doug White, Supervisor