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From: Vandegrift, Drew (TREASURY)
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 2:55 PM
To: Schafer, Suzanne K. (Treasury); Goodrich, Harlan G. (Treasury)
Cc: Byrne, Randall (Treasury)
Subject: MSU Flint Publication

Good Afternoon,

I have reviewed the *MSU Extension paper titled, The Flint Fiscal Playbook: An Assessment of the Emergency Manager Year (2011-2015)*. In general, it is an accurate summary of the emergency manager administrations of Mr. Brown, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Brown (2nd time), Mr. Earley, and finally Mr. Ambrose. The paper first discusses the demographics of the City, including the economic and housing trends contributing to the financial emergency. Next, the City's personnel costs are examined, with particular attention to the OPEB costs which were not funded. EM Brown's modifications to retiree healthcare is a major topic, and the paper fairly documents the competing interests of retiree contract claims and the continued solvency of the City. The history of emergency managers increasing water and sewer rates is also noted. Perhaps the only controversy is found on page 25, where the paper couches the use of the Flint river as a local decision, which it was. A considerable portion of the paper is devoted to graphical illustrations of data from previous municipal audits.

I am available for further review upon request.

Kindly,
Drew



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I guess they need to publish something to keep that sweet Mott money rolling in. 😊

-Drew

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Drew,

Given your short summary, can I draw the conclusion that the author didn't really have much to say? In other words, the white paper(s) benefit the author more than the reader.

Suzanne

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