**LWVSJ Observer Corps\*: Friday Harbor Town Council, December 1, 2022**

The mayor presented the Friday Harbor Food Bank with a check **for $3643 check for the Harbor Life Ring** program reflecting employee donations and a town match. The mayor made a Proclamation of **appreciation to local service organizations and community organizations.** The Mayer **proclaimed December 1st Wolverine Boys Soccer Day** to commemorate the first Friday Harbor State Championship since 1986.

The sheriff was scheduled to present a report on the **services provided to town by the Sheriff’s Office** but was not present and did not deputize someone to present a report.

There were no public comments on the **2023 budget due for adoption on December 15.** In the working session, Council reviewed the 2023 rates for Water Sewage and Storm runoff. The Council will talk about a possible line item for M**emorial Park** at the Council retreat on December 10. Many issues need to be addressed and many stakeholders need to be consulted to formulate a plan going forward. A request for proposals for **a traffic flow study** has been prepared and will go out soon.

The town manager reported that the **Christmas lights** have been hung and reported on the **auctions of surplus/decommisioned goods**. The town purchased **new permit processing software** from a vendor in Burlington which is expected to come on line in Q1 2023. Sandy Strehlou will be retiring December 2 after 20 years.

The FCC has created a **nationwide interactive broadband service map,** based on data provided by service providers. They are asking the public to log on, download a speed check app and upload the data for their address to make the map as accurate as possible. The data will affect grants to improve Broadband connectivity. The town **wants** to have **as many town and county residents as possible participate** and will be publicizing this opportunity.

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