To: Tammy LaBorde, Finance Director, City of Stoughton, 381 East Main Street, Stoughton, WI
From: Stoughton City Band, c/o Becky Egan, 622 Pine Street, Stoughton, WI 53589
RE: Budget Consideration/Request
Date: March 19, 2018

Stoughton City Band Budget Consideration/Request

Who We Are

We are a group of approximately 30 - 40 music-lovers of all ages who love to get together, play music, and perform for our community. We respectfully submit our request for a small budget, provided by the City of Stoughton, as presented below to ensure the band's sustainability.

Brief History & Band Information

The Stoughton City Band as revived after a hiatus of 49 years with the first rehearsal on August 28, 1986 with Director Diane Quick. Less than a year later Millie Gardner became director and continued until she handed the baton to Roger Gohlke in October 2007. A highlight for the band came in 1992 when they traveled to Gjovik, Norway, Stoughton's Sister City to appear at a music festival.

Each year the band, which is comprised solely of volunteers (director & members), performs a Friday night concert the weekend of Syttende Mai and plays in the Sunday Parade. Other performances include Memorial Day Ceremonies, combined concerts with the Oregon Band, several summer concerts (including Skaalen Nursing & Rehab Center & Nazareth Health & Rehab Center) and a combined Christmas Concert with the Stoughton Festival Choir. The band performs under the capable direction of Roger Gohlke, who served 31 years as the Stoughton High School Band Director. All concerts are free to the public.

Budget Consideration/Request

The Stoughton City Band, a non-profit organization, requests the amount of $500 - $1,000 from the next City of Stoughton's budget cycle to continue our commitment to ongoing band improvement/sustainability and providing "no cost" performances for community enhancement.

Current Band Funds – Approximately $6,000

Use of the Funds Requested

Use of Band Funds	Estimated Costs	Fiscal Agent/ Responsibility
Instrument repairs	Varies per repair	Band Director
New music for full band	$85 - $125 per piece	Band Director
Shirts/Uniforms	$20 (new members & replacements as needed)	Band Director
New Instrument/Equipment	Varies per instrument/equipment	Band Director