

Lutak Dock Study and Improvements
Initial Breakdown of Potential Expenses

Travel & Per Diem	\$10,000.00
Engineering and Design	\$20,000.00
Professional & Contractual Services	\$25,000.00
Communication & Outreach	\$ 5,000.00
Administration & Finance	\$ 5,000.00
Material & Equipment	\$ 2,500.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 500.00
Contingency	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 83,000.00

The following was in the February 10, 2015 Borough Manager's Report to the Assembly:

Budget Amendment: In the last Assembly meeting and at the GASC a Budget Amendment was discussed and there were concerns expressed with my request for dedicated funds for the Lutak Dock study and improvements. Several Assembly Members mentioned that members of the public were concerned about how the money would be spent and about accountability. I am concerned about the same things and that is why I included this item in the Budget Amendment. Code allows the Manager to spend up to \$25,000 without Assembly approval provided the monies are within a fund or department. The Lutak improvements can be considered as Lutak Dock improvements and Economic Development improvements making it possible for the Manager to access money from a variety of areas. This strikes me as a concern for transparency and accountability and I decided to seek a separate fund to support studies, engineering design, and analysis so that it would be easier for the Staff, the Assembly and the public to account for how the money is spent. The other tool for transparency I incorporated is the Manager's Advisory Group which consists of 9 community members with a broad range of experience to assist the manager in determining a path forward. Part of this includes advising the Manager on how to allocate and spend funds. One additional idea proposed by Ms. Debra Schnabel is for us to provide a better sense of how the funds would be allocated.

The initial request of \$100,000 represented a "best guess" at that time of potential expenses. The numbers provided above are a start and are based on information that the Advisory Group has obtained through meeting over the last 2 months.

My base argument is that we have a problem, the problem needs to be addressed, and failure to address the problem can result in catastrophic failure of the structure. To identify a way forward in time to prevent structural failure requires planning, coordination, and the resources to accomplish the planning and coordination. A key resource for this project, or any project, is access to funding. Passing this budget amendment provides access to funding that is more transparent and has greater oversight than the safeguards already in our Code.