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Town of Winamac, Indiana, town manager receives national award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Brad Zellers, town manager of the Town of Winamac, Indiana, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes managers of small utilities serving fewer than 2,500 meters. These managers have a very small staff and must assume multiple roles. The seven hats they must wear are: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership.

As town manager for the community of Winamac, Indiana, Brad is responsible for managing all of the town's operations as well as those of the community's four utilities: electric, water, wastewater, and street. His unique understanding of the community and its utilities is largely due to his background. Brad has spent the past 25 years of his career working in the town of Winamac, and more specifically, for the utilities. Managing all four utilities requires Zellers to have excellent management skills, both for organizing his and his employees' time. As a lifelong resident of Winamac, Brad is very well known in the community and has a special knack for connecting with the residents. He is patient and listens to the community's needs, complaints and concerns. People are happy knowing that Brad is someone that cares for the welfare of the citizens of Winamac.

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