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**Town of Williamsport Utilities Manager receives national award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — Kevin Strickler, Utilities Manager with the Town of Williamsport, Indiana, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. 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.

Strickler has been involved with the Town of Williamsport’s utilities for more than 40 years. In his current capacity of Utilities Manager, Strickler oversees all planning and design for the community’s electric, water, wastewater, and street departments. He leads by example, serving in the field alongside his staff and liaising with residents. He has spearheaded infrastructure upgrades and repairs for the city’s utility systems, in addition to helping obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for street improvements. Strickler was one of the drivers behind Williamsport working with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency to regularly improve local infrastructure, which has ensured community access to affordable system engineering and planning, outage restoration, and vegetation management.

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