

Manager's Report - 9/12/16

1. Chief Heverly followed up on the complaint on 136 Nth 13th St. He evaluated the junk vehicle situation and the only vehicles in violation per ordinance are two. One has no motor and the other wrong plates plus missing parts all others have proper registration and are operational. A letter was served on two black Pontiacs one was expired and the other wrong plates. The resident has placed up a make shift enclosure and placed the vehicles inside. Photos have been taken and sent to building inspector Finch. Finch inspected the structure on 8-23-16 and advised the Chief it is a legal building to park a junk vehicle in. Chief Heverly issued a directive for the officers to keep a watch reference this and other complaints; loud disturbances, drag racing and other possible violations. Chief Heverly will keep us posted as to the progression of these issues. I have also asked our code officer to re-inspect and advise of any violations. Upon proper notification time, we will proceed with any necessary violation abatement.

Also, Chief Heverly followed up on the property on at 300 block of E Indiana Ave. Officer Simmons served letters on 8-16-16 and was given until 8-30-16 to correct any and all problems. Several vehicles were impounded and citations were issued.

2. Our engineers, WEQ, solicited and obtained two (2) quotes for fabrication/installation of the necessary air gap device for the WTP bulk water sales station. Based off the two quotes received, Custom Engineered Machine Co from Louisville, Ohio appears to be the lowest quote and therefore the recommended company to perform the work. Donis Alpeter is arranging for the direct purchasing this air gap device. We also recently finalized the designs for the Emergency Sodium Hypochlorite Feed System and will commence construction and installation immediately.

3. My office has completed and submitted the Eastgate/District 6 grant application for the California Avenue Resurfacing Project. Approximate cost is \$281,000.00. Approximate local share will be \$130,000.00. The California grant application for Small Gov'ts is being drafted and will also be submitted on time.

4. Director Sanor has completed his cost projections for the 14th Street Waterline Project. Cost is as follows:

West Kentucky 390' of 6''

10 homes

1 hydrant

Cost \$8,000.00

South 14th 1800' of 6''

30 homes

4 hydrants

Cost \$27,500.00

Alabama Ave 1120' of 6''

8 homes and 4 buildings
3 hydrants
Cost \$19,000.00

There will also be concrete drive repair, yard repair and asphalt repair. Total cost estimate is \$74,500.00. Bill says the job will most likely take the rest of the year to complete or longer. He will need to keep a couple summer seasonal workers longer to do leaf collection and any other smaller projects.

Based on this project cost and the California paving project, it is possible to use our \$200,000.00 annual paving allocation and cover both the D6 grant match and the 14th Street waterline project, with an additional \$10,000.00 appropriation from the general fund. Finance Committee opted to proceed with the recommendation to do the 14th Street waterline project this fiscal year.

Lastly, I have begun the application process for the W. Virginia Avenue paving/sidewalk project via the TAP funding. It's a \$680,000.00 project; however 95% of it could be paid for by the grant if we are successful in an award. I will keep you advised.

5. Chief Heverly advises that we have received our 50/50 vest grant which must be used by 2018. This is a State of Ohio grant, which is a reimbursement grant of 50% of costs. The Chief has scheduled a vest fitting for the officers on Sept 1.
6. We have received the US Dept of Labor Federal Labor OT policy rule changes. This needs to be implemented by December 2016. Judy and I are working to integrate these rule changes into our payroll procedures and we will be ready by the deadline.
7. I have contracted with Townsend Tree Service to remove a large dead oak on the public right away on 22nd Street off of West Tennessee. The tree is a safety hazard to both adjacent residential properties and the removal of the tree will mitigate any liability issues.
8. Class 3 WTP operator Alpeter just received the last results of the EPA required testing for Disinfection Byproducts. The Halocidic Acids were below the MCL limits but the TTHM samples both exceeded the MCL. Alpeter checked with the lab to verify that the samples were collected properly and they were. Chris Maslo/OEPA called Alpeter after work last and told him we would be getting a notice of violation from Columbus at the beginning of the week. Maslo said it would require a public notification. The Carbon was replaced early in the year and should not have been a problem. The operators and engineers are unclear as what caused the elevated TTHM levels, other than perhaps sample locations. From what I have been told TTHMs are typically a problem during dry hot conditions, but the new carbon system is supposed to eliminate that problem. Part of the issue may also be stagnant water in the Beloit standpipe.

After an on-site meeting with Sanor, Alpeter and Maslo on Wednesday, the preliminary reason for the TTHM spike is due to the Crypto construction on the new filters. Because they have to

be taken off line temporarily, this creates problems with the biological sampling readings. The new filters should be done in about six weeks, so there should not be a reoccurrence of the TTHM issue and the filters and carbon system will function as designed and rectify the problem.

Other issues that we are addressing are the needed replacement/upgrade of the emergency generator and additional work on the chlorine distribution system. Anticipated costs for an assortment repairs and emergency generator replacement will be about \$80,000.00.

My office contacted USDA and received approval to use the grant funds to upgrade the emergency generator at the WTP and controls systems. This approval saves the Village a significant out of pocket expense. We intend to move forward with this project ASAP. The condition and reliability of the existing generator is questionable. We are currently reviewing state co-op purchasing contracts to see if the generator can be purchased directly and saving bidding process time. Other needed equipment may include the dehumidifier units in the GAC building. We are currently seeking quotes for these.

9. Per Governor's order, the American Flag will be flown at Half-Staff on Sunday, Sept. 11th 2016, from sunrise to sunset for Patriot Day, Honoring Sept. 11, 2001 Victims.

10. Anna Jakubek, Director of Franchise Development for Cobblestone Hotels contacted my office this week regarding the company's interest in putting a hotel in Sebring. Their company specializes in developing, building and managing hotels in towns with a community size between 1,500 to 15,000 people. They are small, mid-scale hotels are built to help enhance towns by fulfilling the needs of the community and keeping business within the town itself, as well as providing a catalyst for continued business growth and development. Prototypes begin with a 36-room model, utilizing 1.5 – 2 acres, and increase in size from there. The 36-room model includes a pool and conference room, and BriMark Builders is open to building what the town needs and investors can finance. For more detail visit the development site: www.cobblestonedream.com.

According to Ms. Jakubek, the initial steps is to understand if a hotel will be viable for the market, and a feasibility/ market study would need to be completed. The study will outline what size hotel is needed as well as what potential earnings could be expected. There are then three components that have to come together to make it happen. In no particular order, they need land, accredited investors willing to contribute 40% or greater equity, and a bank(s) willing to work with the 60% or less financing. They are based out of Wisconsin and she said she would like to do a community visit on Wednesday September 14th.

11. The State forwarded a notice to all PWS regarding the Immediate Lead Notification Requirements for Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems. This will be effective September 9, 2016. (Ohio Revised Code Section 6109.121). Formal rule revisions to the Ohio Administrative Code are currently under development. _Ohio House Bill

512 was signed by Governor Kasich on June 9, 2016, introducing specific requirements for public water systems and laboratories certified for lead and copper analysis in the State of Ohio.

In accordance with the legislation, public water systems have specific time frames to provide public education materials to their consumers and must provide detailed contact information for each lead sample submitted to a laboratory. Our staff will be making the necessary arrangements to comply with the new regulations.

12. Smith Township is still considering an appropriate contract rate for fire services, which involve the following from the townships requirements:

- All fires in Smith Twp.
- ½ of our dispatch cost
- Fire inspector fee
- Fire hydrant maintenance fee

They advised that they will be in contact with Sebring officials shortly to discuss the rates after their final review.

13. Mable Unkefer, our assistant tax administrator, has drafted a notice for changes in tax collection per state requirements. The changes were enacted via House Bill 5 in December 2014. This House Bill mandates that municipal income tax codes be amended by January 1, 2016 and that municipal income tax is “levied in accordance with the provisions and limitations specified in Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code”. (House Bill 5 – Municipal Income Tax Uniformity). By virtue of this SB 172 was signed by Governor Kasich on June 14, 2016 and is effective 90 days after this signature date, or 9/12/16. Therefore this notice will go out to all taxpayers soon. The notice is also being uploaded to our website under the Tax link.

14. Met with Ohio EPA and US EPA representatives at the WTP for further inspections and recommendations on progress at the plant. In attendance was:

- a. Rick Giroux, Bill Sanor, Donis Alpeter – Village of Sebring
- b. Chris Maslo, Deborah Nicholas – OEPA
- c. Dr. Darren Lyttle – USEPA
- d. Chuck Shearn, Bret Norton – WEQA

Dr. Darren Lytle, Branch Chief - US EPA, reviewed the facility and data and indicated that our plant is operating at optimum given the current process and water chemistry. We felt that the meeting went fairly well. A tour was provided to show EPA the work had been completed with regards to:

- a. Chlorine line
- b. Turbidity sampling
- c. Clarifier drive (parts on order and Henderson under contract)
- d. Flocculator Drive

- e. Discussed backwash sequencing to reduce/eliminate flooding
- f. Facility generator upgrades

OEPA was satisfied concerning the work that had been completed. USEPA discussed the results of the lab testing.

- a. USEPA provided 12 pages (attached) of the improved sampling data.
- b. Lytle was pleased with the reduced lead which is an indicator that the pH adjustment and ortho feed is working.
- c. The warmer temperatures tended to produce higher lead levels but Lytle was not too concerned with it.
- d. He spoke about service line replacement.
- e. He was missing two plumbing schematics for the sequential sampling.
- f. Overall, it appears that USEPA and OEPA are satisfied with results to date.

15. There may be more grant money coming soon that we can apply for to cover additional water line and water plant expenses. The Senate version of WRDA (S. 2848) is a measure from Senate Environment and Public Works Congressional Committee. It includes \$220 million in funding to address the lead-contaminated drinking water crisis in Flint and help other communities upgrade aging infrastructure. The core of the bill comprises a suite of provisions relating to municipal water infrastructure and authorizations for more than two dozen lock, dam, levee and ports projects across the country. The bill includes several other provisions that respond to the Flint water crisis and an immediate WIFIA appropriation of \$70 million and new assistance to help communities and schools remove lead service lines and plumbing components. So I'm hopeful that this new source of funding will help us in the future.

16. I received a letter from USDA that they authorized a deposit of \$154,187.55 to the Village's account for testing and other miscellaneous expenses for the first reimbursement. The funds have been deposited and will be requesting an appropriation of this amount to the proper accounts next Council meeting. We should also receive an additional \$90,000.00 shortly for the cost of the temporary and permanent orthophosphate systems we installed at the WTP. So I am pleased to announce that reimbursements are starting to actually come in now.