

## Manager's Report - 11/26/18

1. I have appointed Jasmine Villanueva as a part-time police officer effective November 13<sup>th</sup>. Her pay rate will be \$13.19/hr.

2. The District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee met to finalize the current round of OPWC scoring and funding. The committee confirmed the points awarded for all projects and selected a grant funding cutoff at **72** points. This means a total of 30 projects were selected for District 6 grant funding. We were not among them.

However, the Small Government subcommittee met after the meeting and discussed the number of candidate projects (20) and the scoring involved at the OPWC. Because the Small Government funding is scored differently, the District 6 committee is going to collect more information from each of the Small Government candidates. Sebring is eligible to submit for this alternative funding.

The committee will meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> to finalize a list. Only 5 projects with 2 alternates will be selected by the committee. The projects with the best chance to score high at the OPWC will be selected. All projects selected for OPWC funding must submit a final application to Eastgate's office by December 21. This should give us ample time to complete legislation for our local commitment, if selected.

3. John Schoeni at Mahoning County Health Dept advises that he inspected 308 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street this week and that all garbage, furniture, and solid waste has been removed. The dwelling and garage have been secured and boarded-up. He has closed his file on this property.

4. I spoke again with Brent Bowker, Republic Waste, about our progress with the Trash Aggregation bid award. I advised him that finance committee's position was to reject all bids and reconsider the program and associated costs in January 2019 for future consideration.

5. My office received correspondence from Attorney Ken Cardinal regarding his requests on behalf of his client Mr. Michael Conny. As I understand it from reading this, Mr. Conny is considering the purchase of the Sebring Royal China properties for about \$75,000.00. In lieu of this he is requesting that the Village accept and incur all other expenses and legal liabilities

associated with the environmental assessments and clean-up. The letter's terms were discussed in committee and a response would be made to Mr. Cardinal and his client in the near future.

6. We just received feedback from Anthem Insurance on our health benefit package. As you know Anthem gave the Village a quote for a 21.37% increase. We asked Anthem to explore our options further and seek a reduction on our behalf. They denied our request sighting very high claims. It appears that in order to retain our current coverage, 21.37% is the final increase amount. This represents a monetary increase of \$65,420.04. The Village's increased costs (at 90%) therefore will be \$58,878.04.

7. Per the finance committee's decision, Solicitor Tolson will handle the OEPA negotiations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Orders. All documentation material, negotiation notes and correspondence between Attorney Samuels, OEPA, Sebring staff and engineers were forwarded to her last week. My recommendation was to have Attorney Samuels brief Solicitor Tolson on the issues and then discontinue the contract for services. I will remain as an information liaison for the duration of the negotiations.

8. The Sebring Park and Recreation Board will hold a workshop to discuss and make a 5-Year Plan for the Park and Recreation System. The workshop will be immediately following the December Board Meeting on Thursday, December 13th, 2018.

9. Huntington Bank advised that our new commercial credit card account was approved this week. I would like to thank Administrative Assistant Sally Gednetz for all the work coordinating this change over with the bank and to make it happen so quickly.

10. Superintendent Hatton reports recent items of note for the wastewater plant:

- \* McGarvey has reinstalled both boiler circulating pumps after being rebuilt
- \* Ohio Pump is still waiting on parts for the last influent pump to rebuild.
- \* BES Electric has been here to troubleshoot a few things.

A. Gate light is out and the ballast is shot and they are getting me prices to replace inside parts and switching to LED for better efficiency and longer life.

- B. Fan motor that cools gravity belt thickener shorted out and took out the variable speed drive for sludge pump. He ordered a new variable speed drive and took fan motor to Berger Electric to be repaired. They are trying to get it done soon as possible because we can't operate gravity belt thickener without those pieces and we have to run gravity belt thickener 16 – 24 hours per week to keep up with sludge management.
- Electric Heater has 4 out of 6 elements burnt out in generator room. I asked McGarvey for quote to replace it and I will see if it's feasible to replace it or buy portable electric heater to keep space above freezing.
  - EQ tank as of this morning is finally empty after all the wet weather and ready for the next round.
  - Agri-Sludge is planning on being onsite next week to press sludge and we will have to store it on storage pad for the winter and get it land applied in the spring. This has been the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest year on record and this fall we just could get it land applied being so wet and crop schedule with farmers.
  - I was told by Ohio Rural Water that OEPA has passed on to them that the wastewater side will be required to do a asset management plan as well just like the water side has had to do. I will keep you posted if and when I officially hear anything but just something to keep in mind.