

Manager's Report - 3/25/19

1. The 2019 Consumer Confidence Report has been approved by OEPA with no issues. It was recently uploaded to our website.
2. Per Chief Harris's recommendation, I have appointed Patrolman Joshua Kelm as acting sergeant for the next 90 days. His effective date is March 17 and his temporary pay rate will be \$19.02 per hour.
3. Per our agreement with Farmers National Bank on our \$100,000 bond note, I have approved a PO to pay \$29,000 to note holder on the principal owed and interest due. In 2020, we are obligated to do the same. When the note matures on March 23, 2020, Farmers has agreed to issue a new note for \$50,000 with the same two year stipulation of \$25,000 annual payments. This results in the note being completely paid off by 2022.
4. As I'm sure you are aware, there was a recent tornado warning issued for our area. The storm was moving fast at 55 mph and past by us very quickly. I was in communications with both the police chief and fire chief last night to make sure our safety departments were prepared in the event the worst case scenario took place. The tornado sirens sounded when the tornado warning was declared and police officers were dispatched to their designated watch points. Thankfully, it was a non-event except for some high wind gusts and rain.

Also, last week the tornado sirens were sounded again on March 20th at 9:50 am. This was a statewide tornado drill as part of the drill for Ohio Severe Weather Awareness week.

5. The Village received several advances of real estate taxes. The week of March 15 we received funds in the amount of \$23,000.00:

\$9,000.00 – General Fund
\$5,000.00 – Recreation Fund
\$1,000.00 – Pool Fund
\$8,000.00 – Fire Fund

The week of March 22 in the amount of \$26,000.00:

\$10,000.00 – General Fund
\$5,000.00 - Recreation Fund
\$1,000.00 - Pool Fund
\$10,000.00 - Fire Fund

6. Recently the Village received the RITA Income Tax Revenue Report for 2018. Our gross income tax receipts were on target with our projections at \$1,613,508.11. Copies of the report were forwarded to Council earlier.

7. Chief Harris seeks Council's approval for the surplus of old Unit 302 (Chief Heverly's Crown Victoria) that is no longer in service and allow the Heverly family to purchase it. The vehicle

has over 191,000 miles. It is no longer useful to the Village and it would be sold off in any case. The family would like the vehicle if Council approves.

8. We contracted with CAT, the original manufacturer, for a major rehab of generator at the water plant. This provides a safety net until funding can be secured for the new system. Quicksall Engineering is completing the design/specs and OWDA is currently working with my office on the preliminary funding requirements for it. When the new system is completed, we plan to leave the older unit on site as a redundant system.

9. Anthem announced that they are contracting with IngenioRx, their new pharmacy benefits manager (PBM). As a result our coverage will move to IngenioRx on July 1, 2019. They don't anticipate any disruptions in service and state that we should see a slight reduction in pharmaceutical costs.

10. Our code enforcement officer is working on the new master vacant house list and code enforcement operations in full swing. Chief Harris reports that last year the Department processed over 300 code enforcement cases. This year the Department intends to get very aggressive with property maintenance code violations throughout the Village. In order to help with this, I would ask Council to consider an appropriation of at least \$5,000.00 to earmark for code enforcement case abatement. I believe this will greatly help in a quick clean-up resolution of the worst cases that will need to be addressed.

11. Service Director Sanor reports that the new grader should arrive this morning and will be put into service on alley repair at the earliest opportunity. On behalf of the Service Department I would like to thank Council members for approving the funding for its purchase.

12. The letter to the Beloit Board of Public Affairs was sent regarding compliance with its stipulations and the pending amendment to the unaccounted for water loss section. Copies of the correspondence were forwarded to Council earlier.

13. I recently received an update from Linda Bailiff from the Ohio Public Works Commission. She said that the Commission will meet until mid-May for the final review of the Small Governments Projects for this year. She also said that we should receive our draft score for the West Virginia Avenue Paving Project by mid-April. I will continue to keep Council informed on our progress.

14. The fireworks fund to date has a balance of \$1,925.10. Our goal is \$11,000.00. Balance to go = \$9,074.90. I would like to thank everyone who has donated so far.