

Manager's Report - 5/22/17

1. Progressive Energy is proposing a quote to reduce our public buildings gas bills. Our current rate is \$0.699 per ccf, the proposal is \$0.449 per ccf for a 37% savings (~\$35,000 over the contract term). Legislation for approval is before you tonight.

2. Seeking Council's approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mahoning County regarding 911 operations. According to the current criteria Maggi forwarded County E911 is *requiring* all PSAPs to enter into this MOU. The state enacted new regulations which became effective on May 12, 2016. These regulations are now part of the Ohio Administrative Code, found at OAC 5507-1-01 thru 5507-1-19. For the most part, the obligations of the PSAPs which are included in the MOU track the obligations of PSAPs under these new regulations.

All PSAPs are bound by these new regulations and the MOU will act as a commitment on the part of the PSAP to do so. The MOU provides the parties with the *option of withdrawing from the MOU*, but the state regulations will still need to be observed by each PSAP. Non-compliance could lead to a loss of funding for us as set forth in OAC 5507-1-19(B)(2). This is what the county is trying to avoid and are asking the PSAPs to enter into this MOU.

Sebring's position is that we are required to sign the MOU to meet the new state regulations, and I am recommending that we do that. Legislation and MOU enclosed. However, if we cannot meet the new mandated EMD requirements by May 2018, then my recommendation is to withdraw from the MOU in February 2018. Approval in the interim covers Sebring's obligations at this time. You may notice there are missing pages, which are only signature pages. The content you have.

3. The contractor inspected the water tanks this week to determine a budgetary cost for the coating of the exterior only on our IMG concrete ground storage tank. After reviewing the condition of the tank, he recommends that if we coat the outside, then we should coat the inside with a 100% solid coatings first, to extend the life of the concrete tank and address the current tank issues. He advises there are visible spider cracks in the tank, as well a number of areas with the mortar being pushed out due to water infiltration in the concrete. This is coming from the inside out, known as efflorescence, which will eventually weaken the tank if not addressed.

At this point he would not quote to coat the exterior of the tank. He feels that any coating system applied would fail in the very short period of time, wasting the Village's money. That being said; he offered to do a free ROV inspection on the interior, and quote on more cost effective solution. He also recommended a NACE certified inspector inspect our standpipe on the same day as the ROV inspection. This would be at no cost to the Village and he's been advised to proceed.

4. The replacement PD cruiser has arrived from Chicago. AC Faudree sent it to Springer's to look it over and it was also sent for the required certified inspection to be added to our insurance policy. It should be ready for road duty in several weeks after it's outfitted and logoed.

5. AC Faudree, Det Harris and I completed all patrolman interviews. Both of the remaining candidates from the entry eligibility list are acceptable if any vacancies open up prior to the eligibility lists expiration.

6. Flags were lowered to half mast on Monday for Peace Officers Memorial Day. "In accordance with Flag Code section 7(m), the United States flag is to be displayed at half-staff for the entire day in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day, Monday, May 15, 2017. By a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended (76 Stat. 676), and by Public Law 103-322, as amended (36 U.S.C. 136-137), the President has been authorized and requested to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day".

7. The District 6 SCIP/LTIP funding process for Program Year 2018 starts next month. D6 has received their funding allocations from OPWC. District 6 will be receiving \$200,000 less than last year. However, a change in funding ratios has given them more *grant* money available for projects and less loan money. SCIP loan funding went from 15% down to 10% of their total SCIP funding. The amount of LTIP has increased \$78K to \$2,449,000. The PY18 funding process will begin on June 19th and 20th. I will be attending one of those training workshops. Please think about what paving project you would like to see funded for next year. To increase our chances of an award we will only be submitting one project.

8. I spoke with Mrs. Schreckengost this week and she said that she wil pay for the mural restoration and will be sending a check to Mr. Rozich shortly to begin the project this Summer.

9. I have hired Aaron Summers, a Sebring resident, as our new code enforcement officer. His appointment was effective on May 17 and will conclude on November 1 at the end of the code season. His focus for the first 30 days will be high grass/weeds, junk and trash on residential properties until we get caught up with that portion of property maintenance enforcement.

10. Attended the finance committee this week. Topics of discussion were:

- A. Gas service contract with Progressive Energy – approved
- B. Monthly utility billing program – reviewed – further discussions needed
- C. Councilman Cannell phone use reimbursement – reviewed - further discussions needed
- D. Trash Aggregation program – reviewed - further discussions needed. Attributes for the aggregation program were determined to be:

- Significant reduction in cost to residents for trash service
- Significant reduction in garbage truck noise and traffic
- Reduction of wear on public roads and alleys from multiple garbage truck companies
- Free trash bins for residents use
- Free recycling program and recycling bins for residents use
- Potential at door pick-up service for special needs residents

11. Attended a Civil Service Commission this week. The CSC reviewed the solicitor's legal opinion and response to candidate challenges on various topics. The commission approved the adjustment to military service credit for one candidate and will generate an amended Chief of Police eligibility list reflecting the change.

12. Just a brief update of WWTP operations per Superintendent Hatton:

- Agri-Sludge is onsite pressing liquid sludge and hauling it out. Soon as liquid is done we hope to get to hauling cake sludge off storage pad and sand beds before farmers get their crops in.
- We ordered some replacement bulbs and sleeves for UV. System and we have some bulbs out that we will be replacing in the next week.
- We received our new chemical pump for polymer so we are back to normal with running the Gravity Belt Thickener to thicken sludge.
- We have been mowing weekly around the plant.
- We are cleaning clarifier more frequently now since the temps are warming up and causing more algae growth.
- Guys are doing daily operating such as daily lab, sludge wasting, cleaning screens, running grit, and making plant adjustments.

- Received a text from Bill Sanor on the 11th saying he got a call from Vacuum Form Co. out in our industrial park from Judd Linder saying they had a chemical spill and was washing it down the drain. I called Mr. Linder and asked him to send me the SDS sheet on the chemical so I could look at the makeup of the chemical spilled and which he did. He estimated about 500/gals were spilled and they diluted it with water to wash it down the drain. I put my guys on notice to look for any changes in the PH and Dissolved Oxygen and Ammonia levels and we did not see any affects from there spill. I thanked Mr. Linder for contacting us and to him we appreciate their good communication with us.

12. The WTP is having the carbon for canisters 1 and 3 analyzed to check on efficiency and life expectancy. The carbon in these canisters was last replaced in February 2016, per schedule. TOC readings are in the 2.3 range and we would like to reduce the level in anticipation of the hot summer months. Our goal is to be less than 2 or lower. Recharging these two canisters will cost about \$48,000.00, so you may note a transfer of funds into the chemical line item of the plant budget November to compensate.

13. Completed four of five Chief of Police candidate interviews with the village solicitor in attendance. We have one remaining interview on May 23rd. Upon completion I will review all candidate material and make a decision no later than May 25.

