March 17, 2015

It sure has been nice to get this warmer weather over the past week!! Village crews are busy working on projects that have been waiting on the weather to break including getting the potholes patched that show up each year, cleaning up the parks and cemeteries, completing some small digging projects for utility needs, and grading and stoning the alleys as time allows.

We continue to move forward on improvements to our existing sanitary lagoons. We are finalizing the plans to complete some piping work and then will proceed with installing baffles to improve and increase treatment and continue to utilize these lagoons, which were built in the early 1970's, for many more years. We also continue working on the preliminary planning for the possible addition of a third lagoon and will likely have that project ready to go when the need and funding opportunity arises.

Construction of the parking lot addition in Community Park is scheduled to begin here soon by PAB Construction from Coldwater. They provided the lowest bid of the five bids received and we have a put a June 1st completion date on the project to hopefully have it available for most of our summer activities.

We are working on the engineering and construction plans to complete the turning radius improvements at the caution light intersection. We hope to finalize the details over the next month and proceed with the work this summer prior to ODOT repaving ST RT 119 this August / September. We also continue to work through the process of looking at some long term improvements to alleviate the truck turning issues on the truck route through town. There will be additional meetings and planning work going on over the next few months to determine which long term solution makes the most sense long term for the village .

The Village Council will hold a public meeting to discuss and take action on a proposed annexation map and designated zoning districts for a parcel of ground along ST RT 49 at the south edge of town. This annexation is proposed by Dan & Grace Jutte, along with K&L Tractor Sales, and is proposing to designate a portion of the parcel R3 (Multi-residential) and a portion C2 (General Commercial). The public meeting will be held on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at Fort Recovery High School (new building – enter off of High Street).

The village garbage contract with Maharg's Trash Service of Celina will renew as of April 1, 2015 for an additional three years. There will be a slight increase on all bags which will mean that the garbage bags will go from $1.40 each to $1.45, recycling bags from $.65 to $.70 and yard waste bags from $1.00 to $1.05. This is the first increase in garbage bags in four years and there has been no change in the recycling and yard waste bags for many years. Again these changes will take effect on April 1st. Also we have scheduled the annual Spring Clean-up Day for Saturday, May 16th. We will follow the same rules as in other years and that information will be coming out over the next couple months – just an FYI to put this on your calendar.

Registrations are going on now for the summer ball programs with FRYSO. If your child hasn't received a form (they went home from school) and you would like to sign up, please stop by the village hall and we will see that you receive a form as the deadline is fast approaching.

And lastly, the village is currently accepting applications for a part-time Grants Administrator / Administrative Assistant. This position will be no more than 24 hours per week and will include limited benefits. Anyone interested in learning more or completing an application, please stop by our village offices.