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Winter weather continues to remain fairly mild for this time of year although snow is in the forecast for this week. Please remember to use caution when approaching a snow plow as they do need to back up at different times.

Planning is in full swing for this year's projects. We will be doing some additional overlay paving which will concentrate on John Street along with Fairlane Drive, Little Turtle Drive and a portion of Blue Jacket Drive. The village will make some necessary repairs prior to the paving being completed and this should occur sometime this summer.

Also based on pricing and funding, we are going to push the William Street reconstruction project back to 2017 when we hope to secure some additional funding to assist with the cost. We are taking a look at a couple smaller projects and will be making a decision here in the next couple weeks for this year's reconstruction project.

We have submitted some permit requests to the Ohio EPA for utility work to be completed this year at the lagoons and potential extensions on Sharpsburg Road. Planning also continues on park projects including the restroom renovation in Community Park, the construction of the Recreational Trail and various other improvements. We are currently working on a project to add benches around the new playground area, along the recreational trail and in other areas of the parks. We are providing an opportunity to organizations, businesses, and families to donate a bench and have it engraved with your information or as a memorial for a loved one. Contact Erin Minor or I at the village office if you have an interest in donating an engraved bench to our parks.

And last but certainly not least, we were notified by the local Chamber of Commerce that Officer Brandon Wyerick has been chosen as the Citizen of the Year for 2015. We agree that Brandon goes above and beyond in completing his duties and want to pass on our sincerest congratulations to Brandon! Also being inducted into the Hall of Fame will be former councilman Rod Thobe and former Mayor/Councilman Roger Broerman. As I stated in a previous Tuesday Talk, both these gentlemen have been instrumental in many of the great things that have been accomplished here in Fort Recovery over the past 20 to 35 years and both are very deserving of our sincere gratitude for the time and efforts put forth to our community. All very well deserved honors!

As always if you have any issue that you feel needs addressed, please don't hesitate to contact me at the village office or stop in and see me and I will be glad to discuss it with you. Also a reminder that our village council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm in the village hall and anyone is welcome to attend.

Randy Diller, Village Administrator