

Manager's Report

April 4, 2008

- The Village's wastewater collection system was overwhelmed by the rainfall on March 18th and 19th. The saturated ground, combined with an estimated 2.5-6 " of rain caused the sanitary sewer to become infiltrated and inflowed with stormwater. The high flow rates resulted in two locations of combined sewerage overflow into the Glen. The lift station on US68 in the Glen (across from the Bryan Center) was unable to keep up with the high flows, causing the excess sewerage to overflow through a bypass pipe into the Glen. The Wastewater Treatment Plant experienced effluent flow at more than 6.0 Million Gallons per Day (MGD), which is 10 times the normal rating of 0.6 MGD. The rain event set a record in Dayton for monthly rain in March at 6.98 inches. March also had record snowfall of 15.7 inches, which created the saturated ground.
- Dave Conley and Eric met with a number of residents to find solutions to flooding problems affecting structures. Staff has taken on four new projects, mostly involving adding new catch basins and connecting pipe to existing stormwater pipes that are separate from the sanitary sewer system.
- Eric is preparing to sign an agreement to use Furtherance of Justice monies earmarked for the Village to pay for our participation in a Countywide Law Enforcement Records Management System to be operated by Greene County. Our participation avoids the need for us to replace our current system, which is outdated and no longer supported by the vendor. The new system will add features that we lack, including tracking locations of cell phones, using geographic maps to index information and quicker access to both federal and state records. A discussion with John Chambers, Council President Hempfling and Vice President Wintrow determined that staff is authorized to sign the agreement.
- Eric met with Brian Harris to discuss the legalities of the marketing sign at the Thistle Creek development. Mr. Harris claims the sign is illegal and needs to be removed immediately. A review of the ordinance suggested that the sign is allowed by law for a period of one year. A review of the terms and conditions of the development, which includes a marketing plan, might supercede the one-year standard term for such a sign.
- Eric met with Steve McHugh, legal Counsel for the Village, and architect Mary Rogero regarding the Friends Care Apartment proposed PUD. The meeting clarified a number of process questions that arose on the project. Planning Commission is slated to have a public hearing on the resubmitted plan on April 14th.
- Eric and Ed met with Planning Chair Struwing and Commissioner Reed regarding the Barr House and the potential to save the home by moving it.
- The mandatory pre-bid conference for the cabooses was held with one attendee. Given the poor attendance, the bid opening is being rescheduled, with mandatory pre-bid conferences being held with potential bidders on an as needed basis. There is one scenic railroad that appears interested as well with the new timing, we will know soon. There is a very real potential that there is no interest in the Cabooses.

- Eric and Police Chief John Grote attended a Street Fair planning meeting. The spring event is slated to be expanded along Walnut Street in front of the school and church and a beer garden and entertainment at the Bryan Center added. Ground transportation is also being developed to remote parking at the Young's and the Vernay site.
- Eric attended the Greene County Economic Development Roundtable. The meeting is an opportunity to learn about new opportunities happening in the region.
- Eric attended the Greene County Combined Health Department Meeting, which included selecting representatives from various regions to serve on the Health Board and taking action to approve the budget. Since a quorum was not present, the meeting lasted into the evening, as a special process is used to take action as outlined by state law that is more time consuming. Year end statistics on health department activity, both Countywide and in our area was also presented. Copies are available on request.
- Eric completed a qualifications review on the Morris Bean Sewer project and the Wastewater project to select a firm to complete the work.
- Audit work has begun. Testing is in process on the high dollar value expenditures and some random transactions. Field work will take place next week.
- Scoping work is nearing completion from Community Resources for the Center for Business and Education improvements. At the same time, a qualifications-based selection process has been advertised for finding a design firm for the Army Corps work on the site.
- Antioch has provided the Village legal notice of layoffs related to the planned closure of the College.
- Eric handled a number of phone calls to follow up on questions people had as a result of the Friends Care discussion item at the last planning commission meeting.
- Eric and Ron Underkoffler met with representatives from a local firm selling the Sensus automated meter reading system. We already have a base of Sensus meters, and have found their automated system to be best suited for our needs in the long run. We will be crafting specifications and a bidding package for the automated metering project from the information we received in the meeting. We are also contacting Montgomery County to see if we might be able to get pricing from their large contract with Sensus for comparison purposes.
- Eric drafted a scope of work for review by the library commission and library staff related to the life-cycle building analysis of the library. We are referencing a standardized method for analysis that is used by the federal government for all their building system decision making. Using the federal methods also exposes us to more qualified consultants. We are awaiting review from the library before proceeding.
- Eric is nearing completion of bid specifications for the HVAC control units, to be put into a new bid package for the work which will include the Bryan Center and the Library.

- Job Descriptions were created and vacancy announcements were posted for the Youth Services Coordinator and the Multi-function Maintenance Technician. Advertising is also underway for pool staff and season maintenance workers.
- Tina Fox recently passed her Certified Pool Operator certification in Columbus. The coursework and testing has made her competent to manage the pool chemistry and manage other aspects of pool operation. This is the first time the Village has had a Certified Pool Operator on staff. Her instructor visited Yellow Springs in 2005 to assess the condition of the pool as a volunteer, a report that was never received by the Village. We look forward to developing this relationship with a pool professional in the years ahead.
- Subsidence is happening in a number of places where recent utility work was made to link the new Walnut/Short Street water line to the Dayton Street and Xenia Avenue lines. The problem is a warranty correction that will be addressed when the weather improves, at no cost to the Village.