

**MAYOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 9, 2013**

EASTGATE ANNUAL STP WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, January 2nd I attended a workshop for the FY2013 Specialized Transportation Program (STP). I recently submitted a proposal for grant under the provision of 49 USC Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act to provide transportation service to the elderly and disabled with the City of Struthers and outlying areas. The grant proposal will request 80% of the cost for a new light transit vehicle 12 passenger van with wheelchair lift and two wheelchair positions. If successful, this van would **continue** to assist the handicapped and over 65 citizens of Struthers to get to needed areas such as doctors, grocery stores and more.

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers to invite comments and proposals from all interested public, private and paratransit operators.

BOB CENE WAY

The City of Campbell sponsored a Transportation Enhancement Grant along with the City of Struthers being a cosponsor to provide street lighting on Bob Cene Way and the MRCO Bridge. This lighting will allow for travelers a safer transport through Bob Cene Way and the MRCO Bridge. It was a pleasure working with Mahoning County Engineers Representative Randy Partika, Campbell Mayor Vansuch, and all other participants that made this lighting a reality. A pre-construction meeting for the above is to be announced soon.

PUBLIC HEARING/ZONE CHANGE

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 14th at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to amend the proposed zoning map of the City of Struthers in reference to SR 616 and 5th Street; the proposed Struthers Federal Credit Union.

A traffic study was performed by MS Consultants, Inc. at 5th and SR 616 and the study concluded that a 4-way stop would be beneficial and safer to passengers and pedestrians traveling this route.

All interested citizens in the City of Struthers are welcome to attend.

CASTLO INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mike Hoza, Chief Representative for Castlo Industrial Park informed that a ribbon cutting ceremony is to be announced for the new company in Castlo Industrial Park. The City of Struthers welcomes Industrial Piping Specialists, Inc. (IPS). IPS is headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma and a distributor of pipe, fittings, flanges and valves for energy related and general construction industries. They signed a five year lease with Castlo on November 1, 2012 and their Struthers warehouse is the firm's eighth location. IPS currently employees seven at the Industrial Park and plan to hire approximately six to eight more in the near future and will continue to grow from there. Significant renovations have been made to the building and grounds that they have been leasing at Castlo to accommodate the firms needs.

I am proud that they have chosen our city to grow in and I wish them an abundance of luck for a successful and fast growing business.

STRUTHERS CITY SCHOOLS/BOARD

I have recently met with the new superintendant of Struthers City Schools, Mr. Joe Nora. We have agreed to continue working together established under my tenure. Struthers City Schools and the City of Struthers continue to collaborate and utilize shared services that can benefit both entities. It will also afford us both grater grant opportunities to improve and enhance our services in our schools and community. I look forward to working with Superintendent Joe Nora and wish him the best as he moves our schools forward.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Struthers City Schools Art Director William Griffin and art student Tara Sirakis for refurbishing the entrance signs into our city. Tara donated her time and efforts and did an outstanding job restoring our signs and making them more attractive and inviting into our city.

IN MEMORY

The City of Struthers recently lost our valuable chemist at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ralph Farrelly had been the chemist since 1991 bringing with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. Ralph lost his battle to cancer recently and he will be missed deeply and our sincerest prayers and condolences are with his children and family.

DEMOLITION UPDATE

Mahoning County has awarded the most recent demolition bid and the notice to proceed is to be announced this week. In this bid; two structures in our city will be destroyed: 82 North Bridge Street and 375 Spring Street.

THANKS

- I wish to thank Ms. Ruth Charles for representing the City of Struthers on the MyCap Board, her service to the city was donated and very much appreciated.
- I thank all who were involved in the Struthers Police Department for sponsoring "Shop with a Cop"; it is always heartwarming to know that we put others first, especially children.
- I am grateful to all who donated their time and the businesses who donated monetary gifts to support "An Evening with Santa" at Mauthe Park. It was a very successful evening and very much enjoyed by the children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Terry P. Stocker