

**MAYOR'S REPORT  
MARCH 13, 2013**

**PROJECT UPDATES**

- **LOWELLVILLE ROAD TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT GRANT** - A preconstruction meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> in my office at 11:00 am; with attendees from ODOT, City Department Heads, MS Consultants, Mahoning County Rep. Randy Partika, Contractors and Utility Reps and work to begin approximately on April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
This project includes bridge decking replacement and widening of Yellow Creek Park Entrance, a look out viewing area, decorative lighting on bridge and sections of downtown. Also, the replacement of curbing, sidewalk & driveway approaches on a section of Lowellville Road in the city from the east end of the Yellow Creek Bridge to a point approximately 300 ft. east of the bridge. This portion of the project will be funded with CDBG FY2011 monies. Additionally included in the installation is four decorative light pole foundations and conduit pipe to correspond with the Yellow Creek Bridge Improvement Project constructed by Mahoning County and Mill Creek Metro Parks.
- **SIDEWALKS** - Representatives from MS Consultants and myself surveyed sidewalk conditions within the LMI Census within the city hall investment area. The purpose was to identify areas that impact safe walking conditions. The city will utilize funding obtained through CDBG FY2012 and a bid package is currently being prepared to advertise. Areas to be repaired are Sexton Street, Elm Street and Poland Avenue. The engineer estimates 1,250 feet of sidewalk and tree abatements will be addressed.
- **BOB CENE WAY LIGHTING ENCHANCEMENT PROJECT** – I am optimistic that bidding will be likely in July 2013 following the approval of the plans by ODOT. The City of Campbell with bid the project and construction should begin in September 2013.
- **CITY ROAD RESURFACING** – Bidding is projected in June 2013. The City will receive the grant from OPWC on July 1, 2013 and we are required to award the project to a contractor after July 1, 2013. Construction will likely be in August 2013.

**2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

I submitted the 2013 proposed budget to members of council for their review and consideration on March 5<sup>th</sup>. I was pleased to inform council that the proposed budget addresses all current obligations and provides for additional operational equipment and personnel needs. As Administrators; Auditor Morell and myself still yield to the economic uncertainties with the State and Federal Funding that continue to bear unpredictable revenue sources. With this in mind; the past several months all of us have

experienced the fiscal cliff and now “the sequester” and future threats of Federal Government shut downs by the end of March. We find ourselves also being very conservative due to the rising costs of workers compensation and health care costs.

I would like to thank Auditor Morell for her assistance in the preparation of this proposed budget and I look forward to working with Council as we move forward in finalizing the 2013 Budget.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2012** – Safety Upgrade/Runge Blvd., Resurfacing of Center Street, Fifth Street & Lowellville Road, Completion of Bob Cene Way Upgrade Rail Crossing, Demolitions of blighted housing, Sealing of Striping of City Hall Parking Lot, Resorted wall in City Hall Parking Lot, Purchased Vactor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and computer and copier upgrades in City Hall Offices.

**NATURE WORKS GRANT APPLICATION**

The city is resubmitting an application for Nature Works funding to purchase playground equipment for Mauthe Park; our 2012 application was not funded. The 2013 grant application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> and the total project cost will be less than \$30,000 with the local share being approximately \$6,500.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The City will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Struthers High School Football Field. The Easter Bunny will be there and every child will go home with a special treat.

I would like to thank the businesses whom have donated funds towards this event for the children to enjoy; without their generosity we would not be able to continue these wonderful events.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Terry P. Stocker