

**MAYOR'S REPORT
MARCH 14, 2012**

WASTEWATER PLANT EXPLOSION UPDATE

Limited information is available because the investigation is ongoing. Several investigative units have been on the scene and continue to search for a cause in the horrific explosion that took place on March 1, 2012.

Our main concern is the health of our employees Ken Stiver and Gary Wilson who have both suffered burns and are both at Pittsburgh Mercy Burn Unit.

According to Plant Manager Bob Gentile the plant is in operation at this time; but the investigation is still pending.

I am proud of our community and how it has come together during this crisis. Accounts were set up at the Struthers Federal Credit Union for donations to the families for their hardships while traveling back and forth to be with their loved ones.

I would also at this time like to thank our Struthers City Fire Department, Police Dispatch, Police Department and Plant Employees for their outstanding efforts. Additionally for the Fire Department for donating the proceeds of their Annual Spaghetti Dinner as well as a "Boot Collection" in conjunction with the Poland Firefighters at the SHS Boys Tournament Basketball Game Friday night to assist the victim's families.

Kenny and Gary are not only employees but friends; they have been Struthers Residents all of their lives and I continue to offer my prayers for them and their families.

2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

The 2012 Proposed Annual Budget was submitted to Council on March 7th at its scheduled Finance & Legislation Meeting. A review of all budgetary categories was conducted by Auditor Morell and myself to council at that time.

2011 has been a difficult year, but we managed to come thru in fairly good shape. As reported by Auditor Morell, the carryover for the general fund was just over \$271,000; that coupled with estimated receipts has given us \$3,872,096 to work with. With an additional onetime expense for retirements, the increase in health care and the reduction of local government funds, to say the least, 2012 will also be a very challenging year.

CONGRATULATIONS SHS BOYS

The city and community wish to Coach Savko, his coaches and players the very best in the Regional Tournament in Canton Ohio. Congratulations for winning the Sectional Tournament!

RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting was held Thursday at 11:00 am to welcome the new Salon Hapami on Terrace Street. Councilman Matthews and Councilman Fire attended the ribbon cutting along with myself. We wish them the best!

CIVIL SERVICE TESTING

The Civil Service Commission has scheduled two tests for eligibility lists. There will be tests for both entry level patrolman and assistant utility maintenance man at the wastewater plant. The legal's for both tests are on cityofstruthers.com, or you can obtain information by contacting my secretary at 330-755-2181 x110.

EASTER EGG HUNT

This is a reminder that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Struthers Football Stadium. The Easter Bunny will be there, prizes will be auctioned and each child will go home with a treat.

Respectfully,

Terry P. Stocker
Mayor