

MAYOR'S REPORT MAY 8, 2013

LOWELLVILLE DAM & RESTORATION PROJECT

I was in attendance and met with the EPA Director and staff on April 19th that began at Village Hall and was hosted by Mayor Iudiciani. The purpose of the meeting was to show support and gain input regarding Lowellville's Dam Removal requirements that need to be followed as the project unfolds. A tour of the dam was conducted for all participants and I look forward to collaborating with the Mayor and the Village in offering any support and assistance that our city can extend.

The future of the Struthers-Campbell Dam could be on the horizon shortly, therefore coordinated efforts are imperative for the city and village to work together. I commend Mayor Iudiciani and his hard work in obtaining funding for the project and the support the school systems added in their success.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Sidewalk replacement has been completed as additional replacement continues as the transportation enhancement project unfolds. Simultaneously, lighting conduit and surface structures are partially completed and bridge, park look out and driveway approach will be addressed in the next phase as work continues to go forward.

GOVERNMENT DAY FOR 2ND GRADE AT CITY HALL

2nd Grade Elementary School Students participated in the city's school government field trip day and approximately 200 students spent part of their school day at city hall on April 30th and May 2nd. Teachers, students and chaperons were greeted by myself and department heads by welcoming each with a handshake and explanations of the branches of government. All available department heads were on hand to introduce themselves and to explain how each department operates. At the conclusion of each session, the students had the opportunity to meet Officer K-9 Rebel and handler Patrol Officer Jason Murzda. The Fire Department was in attendance to get a close up view of the city's fire truck. I would like to thank department heads of the Wastewater Plant, Street & Park Department, Police & Fire Department, Recycling Coordinator, Auditor, Law Director's Secretary and Clerk of Council for taking the time to enlighten and educate these children as they are the future leaders of our city.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING/DIGESTER IMPROVEMENTS

A pre-construction meeting was held on April 23rd at 11:00 am in the Caucus Room. Hazen & Sawyer, the engineer for this project was represented by Ed Brown, PE. and Dwight Schwing and Kokosing Construction Company was present (contractor). Myself, WWTP Manager Bob Gentile, Safety Service Director Ed Wildes and Auditor Chrissy Bohl were all present when contracts were distributed; completion dates and schedules

were discussed. A preliminary schedule has been received from Kokosing and is currently being reviewed. Initial observations of the schedule show Kokosing moving into the site in mid-June. Mixers are due at the end of July and the existing digester cover will be removed around the end of June.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT

The City of Struthers is applying for a Downtown Revitalization Grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency. Under this program, business and building owners in the Central Business District are eligible for loan and/or grant assistance to improve their buildings. Eligible projects include exterior improvements and interior improvements to help bring buildings into compliance with local code.

If the State approves the grant application, the City's proposed assistance to building owners will be in the form of a 50% grant. For every dollar spent by the building owner, the City will match this dollar with another dollar. The maximum grant assistance for a specific building will be \$25,000.

I would like to thank Councilman Bob Burnside for assisting me in the survey process to gauge interest in the program.

SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING

Training and certification for Mike DeWine's Sunshine Laws Training was held locally on April 29th at the Youngstown Library from 1 to 4 PM. The mayor's secretary, tax commissioner, law director's secretary, maintenance manager and clerk of council represented the City of Struthers for this certification.

RECYCLING & CONTROL LITTER

We were informed by mail on Friday, May 3rd that we were awarded the EPA Litter & Recycling Grant for \$6,000. This grant is for a Clean Up Day and/or new trash receptacles.

Recycling Drives are scheduled for appliances and tire on May 18th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Spring St. & Euclid Ave. Parking Lot. More information can be obtained from Shirley Sepesy at 330-755-2181 x138.

CIVIC DAY

Civic Day is on May 10th; when Struthers High School Seniors will be participating as counter parts to elected officials and appointed offices. The introduction of the governmental process will allow elected officials and appointees to interact in a mock council session, visit various departments and sit in on court proceedings. A field trip to Aqua Ohio Water's Treatment Facility is scheduled which will be followed by a luncheon at DonaVitos's Italian Grille with Sheriff Jerry Green addressing those in attendance. Civic Day Chairman Henry Franceschelli will perform introductions and coordinate activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Terry P. Stocker