

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAY 26, 2010

METRO GOVERNMENT LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

The next Metro Government Leaders Roundtable will occur Thursday May 27 at 7:00 p.m., at the Boardman Township Administration building. Although the aspiration remains the same, there are a couple changes among the group. The new Vice Chair will be Jason Loree, who is the Boardman Township Administrator. As you may know, Vice Chair was my position. After a nomination and subsequent election by my peers, I will now serve as Chair of the Roundtable. With Jason and myself at the helm, and a steadfast collaborative effort from the support of the numerous public servants involved, you can rest assured we will continue to guide the group in the right direction.

POTENTIAL BMV RELOCATION

In these tough economic times, just one lost job takes its toll. This is just a fraction of the possible after effect we could experience if the City of Struthers loses its BMV. Attorney and Mahoning County Democratic Party Chair David Betras along with myself sent letters to Governor Strickland expressing our discord with the current state of affairs. What is absolutely enthralling is the outpouring of support not just from the residents of Struthers, but also the surrounding communities. On May 15th the City of Struthers hosted a rally to collect support from area residents in regards to this issue. We had petitions for residents to sign and compiled an astounding 4,718 signatures. For those that were unable to make it to the rally, signatures are still being amassed at the BMV in its current and hopefully permanent location.

Council's resolution was a very significant statement opposing the relocations and the importance of the BMV within the City of Struthers.

ARRA STIMULUS CEREMONY

A ground breaking ceremony will be held on June 4th showcasing two recent enterprises, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the first item on the agenda will highlight the Methane Conversion Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The wastewater plant's anaerobic digestion process produces a significant volume of unfiltered methane gas as a byproduct of the wastewater treatment. The excess methane gas, which is not used in the treatment process is safely flared off to the atmosphere. The excess methane gas will be used to operate the 500 kw generators. The benefits of this *Green Project* will create more gas storage, more sludge storage, automatic operation, true odor containment, reduced maintenance, economical savings and environmental stability. What's truly exciting about this project is that we received \$5.4 Million in stimulus grant money to fund this venture. Project Engineer Gary Diorio of MS Consultants, Congressman Tim Ryan, and the Assistant Manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Robert Gentile will be in attendance. Invitations were extended to Governor Strickland, Senator Schaiivoni, Representative Hagan and other state legislators instrumental in the development of this project.

At 11:00 the focus will shift to the Lower Connector Bridge Project. This project is for the construction of a bridge that would span the Mahoning River between the City of Struthers and the City of Campbell within the Mahoning River Corridor Initiative at the west end of Bob Cene Way. The Ohio Department of Transportation recently let this project with a total bid cost of \$1,738,364. ODOT inspection cost will be approximately \$173,836 for a combined total project cost of \$1,912,200.

The bridge project will impact directly the economic development power of the City of Struthers, Campbell and Youngstown. It will provide development in the Mahoning River Corridor to create job opportunities for residents of the region and strengthen the tax bases for the above cities.

SIMON ROOFING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Last Friday Safety Director Ed Wildes, Tax Commissioner Jim Bertrando, Auditor Tina Morell, Fire Chief Harold Milligan, Council was represented by Tony Fire and Ron Matthews and I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Simon Roofing's newly renovated facility at 276 State Street. In addition, public officials from other cities were present along with a representative from Tim Ryan's office and County Commissioner McNally. The Simon group, who is responsible for the manufacture of high quality composites and industrial coatings for roofing and flooring systems nationwide, gave tours of their 42,000 square-foot complex, which also proudly boasts several state-of-the-art baseball and soccer fields. Simon Roofing remained loyal to their area roots when choosing their location, and exemplified said loyalty by bringing more than thirty (30) jobs to the valley with plans to expand that number to around eighty (80) in the near future.

I am grateful to Simon Roofing for their investment in the City of Struthers; relocating their manufacturing headquarters will benefit the city's tax base as well as create employment in the area.

CHIEF OF POLICE & CAPTAIN PROMOTIONAL

May 24th Roy "Tim" Roddy was sworn to become the Chief of Police taking effect on Friday, May 28, 2010. A promotional exam took place on May 13, 2010 and Captain Roddy scored the highest; also promoted to Captain in the Struthers Police Department is Patrolman Dan Mamula, Jr. I congratulate both on their promotions and wish them the best in serving our city and I look forward to working with them in their newly appointed positions.

WELCOME

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last week to welcome (Bob) McAllister's Ice Cream to our city. It is located in the plaza on Youngstown-Poland Road near Giannios Candy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Terry P. Stocker