

**MAYOR'S REPORT
JUNE 12, 2013**

The following is a status report for the active projects:

1. **Bob Cene Way Lighting.** MS Consultants submitted a design on May 10, 2013 to ODOT for their approval of the pole spacing as it was presented in the original grant application and they will finalize the design after ODOT approves of the pole spacing. I anticipate that the project will be bid in July 2013. This project is to be funded 80% under Eastgate's Transportation Enhancement Program. The total construction cost is estimated at \$200,874.00. In the grant application, the complete local share is estimated at \$60,258.00. This amount should be split equally between the City of Campbell and the City of Struthers at \$30,129.00 for each city.

2. **FY2011 – CDBG – Sidewalk, curbing, and lighting east of Yellow Creek Bridge and Park Entrance on Lowellville Road.** This project is complete and was funded 100% by the Community Development Block Grant Program. This project included the replacement of curbing, sidewalk, and the installation of 5 light pole bases and electrical conduit. The actual light poles, wiring, and electrical hookup are included in the Yellow Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Project currently under construction at the intersection of Lowellville Road and SR616. The bridge project is being conducted by Mahoning County and should be completed by September 2013. As part of the bridge rehabilitation project, new sidewalk and curbing with decorative lights are to be constructed along SR616 from the bridge to State Street.

After collaborating with Mahoning County and Mill Creek Metro Parks we will be able to add lights, curbing and a lookout overlook the waterfall will be included. This second phase associated with the rebuilding process of our downtown district and/or our downtown improvement initiative. The City's share of the project is \$27,600.00.

3. **NatureWorks, Recreation Services Section, Ohio Department of Natural Resources.** A grant application was submitted to ODNR on April 16, 2013 for a grant to install new playground equipment at Mauthe Park. The total cost in the application is for \$26,000. If the City is awarded the grant, the City of Struthers will receive \$19,500 and the City share will be \$6,500. ODNR will notify the City in November 2013 if the grant is awarded.

4. **CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant** – On June 21, 2013, the City will submit an application for a \$300,000 grant to be used to upgrade downtown buildings and construct a parking area on State Street across from the Home Savings Bank. This grant is competitive throughout the counties in the State of Ohio and \$12 million will be made available for downtown & neighborhood revitalization. If awarded, the city's proposed assistance to building owners in the **targeted area of downtown blight and slum locations** (State Street & Downtown Bridge

Street) will be in the form of a 50% grant. The City will know if this grant application is successful in September 2013.

5. **Senior Citizen Van Replacement** – We are still waiting to hear from ODOT if the application for a new van will be approved. The City's application was accepted by Eastgate and sent to ODOT for final scoring. We should hear about the grant award by September 2013. The project cost is approximately \$60,000 with the city share being \$12,000.
6. **FY2012 CDBG Program** – MS Consultants are currently designing the sidewalk replacement for the City Hall Investment Area on Poland Avenue, Sexton Street, and Elm Street. The design should be completed by mid-June and the project completed this summer. Total cost to be paid 100% from CDBG is \$33,700.
7. **OPWC GRANT** – The Ohio Public Works Commission has awarded the City of Struthers \$98,670 the purpose of resurfacing portions of city roads that need addressed. The total cost of the above resurfacing is \$143,000 and city share to be \$44,330.

CIVIL SERVICE TESTING. Civil Service Testing took place on Thursday, June 6th at the High School Cafeteria. Eligibility lists for both the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Police Department should be certified this week.

STRUTHERS DAY. Aqua Ohio Water will co-sponsor the **16th Annual Struthers Day** from 5 pm to 10 pm on **Thursday, June 27th** in Struthers Mauthe Park. This year's event features two bands, *Guys without Ties and Bustin Loose*, as well as clowns, face painting, magic shows, pony rides, inflatable bouncer and a petting zoo. The Police SWAT Team Command Vehicle will be on display and many local groups will have presentations of their businesses and handouts. Aqua Ohio Water provides complimentary food and beverages and Aqua also donates a flat screen TV that will be given away in a free raffle drawing.

RETIREMENTS. I would like to wish Police Patrolman David Gabriel and Wastewater Plant Maintenance Man Joseph Mussolino the best in their retirement. Their years of service to the City of Struthers were most valuable and I would like to thank them both for serving the City of Struthers and again wish them the best of luck in their endeavors.

Respectfully,

Terry P. Stocker
Mayor