



Council Report
City of Pataskala Utility Department
Chris Sharrock, Utility Director

➤ **New Items**

• **Legislation**

- Ordinance (third reading)
 - 2022-4418: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA (WATER SERVICE RATES) AND THEREBY CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A BULK WATER POINT RATE
 - This ordinance is to establish a rate for the water that will be sold through the upcoming Bulk Water Point
- Resolution
 - 2022-046: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LAW GENERAL CONTRACTING INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE TWO-INCH WATERLINE UPGRADE PROJECT
 - This resolution would accept the bid provided by LAW for the 2" Waterline Upgrade Project in the Denison, Poplar, Willow Street area

• **New Operational Updates**

- Turn Offs
 - Turn Offs for nonpayment are scheduled for April 19
- Utility Service Tech Position
 - We received two applications. PBR approved both of them.
 - Interviews were conducted on April 14 and 15. A final decision is expected to be made soon.
- Denison/ Poplar/ Willow Street Waterline Project
 - The bid opening for this project occurred on April 6
 - The lowest and best bid was provided by LAW General Contracting Inc.
 - Resolution 2022-046 is the resolution to accept this bid
- Southeast Tower Painting

- Crews arrived on April 13 to begin the necessary prep work to paint the tower
 - The tower will be painted in the same light blue color as our other water towers instead of the white that it is now
- This is a part of the annual tower maintenance plan
- Annual reports
 - I submitted a draft of the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to the OEPA for review and comments
 - The final version of the CCR must be available to our customer base by July 1
- Water Plant 1 painting
 - The exterior of Water Plant 1 was pressure washed and painted a light gray color on April 12
 - This was one of the CIP projects listed in the 2022 Budget
- WRF Foaming Issue
 - We are still experiencing a foaming issue at the WRF due to a specific type of parvicella
 - We have signed up for an enzyme treatment program that will begin in the next week or so
 - The enzyme will break down the fats, oils, and grease in the system. This is the food source that is allowing the parvicella to thrive.
 - The program will last several weeks. We have reached out to other operators who have used this process. It is highly recommended

➤ **Ongoing Items**

• **Water Reclamation Facility**

- Daily Operations
 - The operators maintain exceptional daily operations of the WRF, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of turning the City's wastewater into clean, safe water that is discharged into the South Fork of the Licking River
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 - COVID-19 Wastewater Testing
 - Pataskala Utility Department was selected to participate in the COVID-19 wastewater testing program
 - This program looks for the virus RNA in the waste stream, giving a more accurate and nearly real-time representation of the infection rate of the community that we serve
 - The results of the COVID-19 wastewater testing are currently being posted to the Ohio Corona Virus dashboard found here: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/wastewater>
 - The Utility Department will continue to participate in this program as long as it continues to be fully funded by the State
- **Water Treatment Plants**
 - Daily Operations
 - The operators maintain exceptional daily operations of both Water Treatment Plants, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of providing the City's customers clean, safe water that meets or exceeds the requirements from the OEPA.
 - Water Plant 1 Iron Filter 2
 - There is a small leak somewhere along the bottom of one of the iron filter tanks at WTP1. Repair will require removal and replacement of the filter media, structural repairs, and recoating of the filter tank surface.
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- **Distribution and Collection System**

- Daily Operations

- The systems team maintains exceptional daily operations of the entire distribution and collections system, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of providing customer service to the residents, maintaining the city's infrastructure, and responding to emergencies of various types.

- Settlement Lift Station Generator

- As a part of Phase 3 in Heron Manor, a standby generator for that area's lift station is to be installed
 - The contractor has installed all necessary components except for the generator itself. The generator has been on back-order since late February. Once it arrives, the contractor will finish the installation

- Leaks

- No Comment

- Jefferson Street Waterline Project

- The contractor expects to begin the project in early February and finish the project by June 1
- Notices have been taped to the front door of every house supplied by the water line along Jefferson Street
 - We also contacted the mail, fire, trash, police and bus services as well as made a Facebook post for the general public
- The Jefferson Street Waterline Project has begun
 - The new water main will be installed and tested first. Once the tests have passed, the service lines will be transferred over. The last step will be to connect the new water main to the existing water mains in the area.
 - Following the water main installation, the road will be resurfaced on Jefferson from Mill Street to the train tracks and on Depot from Main Street to Township Road.

- Sewer Slip lining

- The department applied to OPWC for a grant to help fund this project
 - Our project was recommended by District 17 to the State for funding

- This project will be funded using \$250,000 from HB 168, \$250,000 from OPWC and \$250,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund
 - A Supplemental will come to council in the summer once the official notice of award arrives to add the \$250,000 from OPWC to the 2022 Budget
 - Verdantas is beginning work on the bid documents for this project
 - The project will go out to bid in June, with an anticipated award date of July, following the release of OPWC funding
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- **Billing Team**
 - Daily Operations
 - The billing team does an exceptional job of processing the payments for water and sewer service, scheduling the service work that needs done as well as providing excellent customer service 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.
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- Safety Program
 - The department requires two safety meetings each month
 - One is done at the team level by the Superintendents covering general safety issues
 - The second is done with the entire staff
 - Each month, a different member of the department will lead this training
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- SR 310 Interconnect
 - The pre-con for this project was held on February 8
 - Reps from both the Pataskala Utility Department and the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District will be present
 - Due to difficulties acquiring materials tied to the nationwide supply chain shortage, the project is not expected to occur until around June of 2022.
 - Once the project is complete, the trading of the designated service areas will occur.
- Lead Service Line Inventory and Mapping
 - As a part of the updated lead and copper rule, we will be required to inventory our service line materials, both on the public and private sides
 - We have applied for a grant from the OEPA to cover up to \$50,000 for this work
 - This was not included in the 2022 Budget. If we do receive grant, we will need to do a supplemental to account for it
- Annual reports
 - I submitted a draft of the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to the OEPA for review and comments

- The final version of the CCR must be available to our customer base by July 1

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Sharrock", enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

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