



## City of Pataskala Utility Department Nathan W. Coey, Utility Director

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### ➤ Director Update

- We continue to meet with the SWLWSD regarding cooperative efforts. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22.
- GIS Update. The staff met with Jobes/Henderson about goals moving forward for the departments. We have a great plan in place as we continue to build and manage the system. I would like to complement Zach Cowan for his desire for knowledge and proficiency with the GIS software.
- The River Forest Lift Station Project is scheduled to start the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- I was fortunate to attend the Sugar Mill Home Owners Association meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. I was provided the opportunity to speak with the group relative to water pressure concerns. We will continue to collect data on this matter and communicate results.
- A Utility Committee meeting was held on March 13. We discussed negotiations with SWLWSD, River Forest Lift Station Project, Sugar Mill water pressure, asset management planning for the Utility Department, and an OEPA update.
- OEPA phosphorus study. We continue to monitor and test WRF performance in the efforts of reducing effluent phosphorus to 1 mg/l. We are having some success in reduction but have yet to obtain a consistent 1 mg/l. We continue to monitor stream results and testing indicates little to no presence of total phosphorus in the stream from our discharge.
- OEPA Lead and Copper update. Due to the national and local lead in drinking water issues, new rule making is in process. I am fully supportive and acknowledge that non-compliance matters tend to result in broad application of new rules. I do have some concerns related to suggested rule changes, of which I have submitted comments and concerns to the agency.
  - Rule change will require the purveyor to supply water filtration systems in areas where new mains are installed for a suggested 3 month period.
  - Rule change will require system wide notice in the event of a water main break. Not only will boil alert notifications continue, a message to all potential affected customers that there may be water quality issues.
    - My concern is the message is contrary to what we (professional operators) have worked to establish. I view this to be counter intuitive and a public relation issue.

➤ **Water Department**

- The new WTP1 automatic transfer switch for the generator has been delivered. New switch installation service work is scheduled for next week.

➤ **Water Reclamation Department**

- Land application of biosolids is planned for April/May for beneficial reuse.

➤ **Billing Department Update**

- The Billing Department continues their diligence in customer service for a fourth consecutive month of zero outstanding balances.

Highest Regards, Nathan W. Coey, Utility Director