



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

Utility Department Updates for the July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting

➤ **Director Updates**

- **Resolutions.** The August 1, 2016 meeting will include several utility related resolutions.
 - A Resolution authorizing the sale of the hay produced at the WRF. Prior to the abandonment of the WRF Hay Program, fields were approved for biosolids application at the WRF. Biosolids were applied prior to the decision and this included the necessity to remove a crop per OAC Biosolids rules. A mower was utilized to cut down the hay and the previously purchased rake and bailer were utilized to finish the program that was started. At this time we have nearly 100 round bails (under storage at WRF) that will be sold through “GovDeals” at a start bid of \$10 per bail.
 - Legislation will be introduced in 2017 for the bidding of fields at utility facilities for contract farming operations.
 - A Resolution authoring the sale of the previously purchased hay rake and bailer through “GovDeals” with a start bid of \$5,000 and \$7,000 respectively.
 - Upon sale of the hay and related equipment the proposed Hay Program will be completely eliminated.
 - A Resolution authoring the purchase of a new submersible pump at the Creek Road Lift Station in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

- **2017 Utility Department Budget.** I am in the process of completing the 2017 Utility Department Budget. Capital planning is complete including consideration for improvements to the Water Booster

Station. The operational budget is nearly complete with consideration of cost reduction alternatives.

- **Backflow Prevention Program.** I am working with the staff to implement backflow prevention devices for 16 commercial customers.

➤ **Water Department**

- Another round of dig job restorations have been completed.

➤ **Water Reclamation Department**

- The WRF participated in a collaborative study of the local receiving water through an Ohio EPA grant with Great Lakes Environmental Center. The study has indicated our effluent discharge to the South Fork Licking River is actually improving the overall health of the receiving waters of the state. The WRF will be recognized for outstanding level of treatment.

➤ **Billing Department Update**

- The staff is working with the Zoning Department to shore up all new build inspection and final approval procedures.

Highest Regards, Nathan W. Coey, Utility Director