



City of Pataskala Utility Department
Chris Sharrock, Utility Director

➤ **Utility Department Updates**

• **Resolution**

▪ Resolution 2019-025

- This resolution is to authorize the larger than expected quote for the Mill St Waterline Project. The original quote was for \$9,000. After the following changes to the job scope were added, the new quote is now \$12,800
 - The water main tie in had to be re-routed due to the location of a phone conduit
 - An additional line had to be installed with a new Fire Hydrant after the main feeding the existing hydrant was abandoned
 - This hydrant was shown on our drawings as being fed from a different water main in the area and was an unforeseen addition to the project

• **Biosolids program**

- All tests required by the EPA before the application of biosolids have been completed and passed the requirements
- Agrisludge has begun the process of hauling our product to the fields on Ruessner Road
 - The process of applying the product to the fields is expected to happen later this month, weather dependent

• **Staffing**

- 79 applications were received for the Billing Clerk Position
 - All applications were reviewed by the PBR at a special meeting on April 10
 - Interviews will be set up for later in the week of April 15

• **Water Reclamation Facility**

- WRF Upgrade

- Design Loan agreement and Exhibit have been issued by the OEPA. Funds to be made available on March 28
- A meeting has been set up for April 29 to continue discussions on WRF upgrade

• **Water Treatment Plants**

- Well Pump 6 at WTP1
 - The wiring to the well had a short in it and was causing the well to go to ground
 - Repair was made by Jamison as they had recently done the well cleaning for that well and that process was the likely cause of the wire insulation failure
- Staging area for Southwest Licking Refugee Road Waterline Project
 - SWL reached out to see if we had any items to be completed as part of the punch list
 - Requested trash clean up and some grading issues be done
- Painting
 - Operators are beginning the process of painting the pipes inside of WTP1 as part of the routine maintenance
- Iron Filter at WTP1
 - The motor for the aeration step of one of the iron filters at WTP1 is kicking out. Electrician scheduled to diagnose the problem. There are three iron filters at WTP1
 - Eric has been monitoring iron levels every day since the problem began and there is no effect on the iron levels in our filtered water

• **Distribution and Collection System**

- Creek Road Lift Station
 - Buckeye Pumps is rebuilding one of our pumps that failed
- Mill Street Waterline Project
 - This is a continuation of a project started last year. It is to abandon a trouble section of old 6" water main on Mill St between Main and Jefferson.
 - The water main has been looped in to an existing 8" water main in the same area.
 - Five water services have been transferred from the old 6" water main to the new 8" water main.
 - An abandoned fire hydrant must be removed and yards restored before the project will be complete.

- **Billing Team**

- Continued efforts in regards to providing excellent customer service
 - It should be noted that Stephanie Tallman is picking up the slack while the billing clerk position is open and she is doing an outstanding job

- **Director**

- Rate Structure
 - Discussions have begun regarding the best way to move forward with a rate increase
- I have completed the annual water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2018 and included it in this council packet
 - This report explains the water treatment process and test results from the previous year
 - This report is due to the EPA in July
 - A copy was reviewed and approved by the EPA on March 27
 - This report is available on the city's website
 - A posting was made to the city's facebook page
 - The URL for the CCR will be included on the bills for the next two cycles
- SEOWEA section meeting April 11
 - The department has volunteered to provide a tour of the WRF as a part of the SEOWEA section meeting. Two groups of 25 people are expected to attend.
 - Ryan Brown will lead one group and Chris Sharrock will lead the other
 - This tour will count for one contact hour towards Wastewater Licenses for anyone who attends as well as the presenters
- Construction Specifications and Drawings
 - A review was done to update our Construction Specs and Drawings so that they will reflect our current standards
- I & I water
 - The EPA has suggested that they will require a plan to address our I & I water getting into the collections system
 - I will be advertising a request for qualifications to address the I & I plan
- Training
 - Stephanie has signed up for Customer Service Value Leadership Training given by SGR in New Albany on July 25

- Trent Howell and Connor Johnson attended a one day training giving an overview of the EPA backflow requirements on April 4
- Connor Johnson attended a workshop on the call before you dig service (OUPS) on April 9
- Safety Program
 - Safety Talks being conducted by the superintendents
- Backflow Prevention Taskforce
 - The next taskforce meeting is scheduled for May 20

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