



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

➤ **New Items**

• **Legislation**

- Ordinance (second 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

• **New Operational Updates**

- Meter Reading
 - Meter reading is scheduled for Friday, April 1st
- Utility Service Tech Position
 - The application deadline for this position was 11am on April 1
- Denison/ Poplar/ Willow Street Waterline Project
 - The bid opening for this project is scheduled for 11am on April 6
- Sewer Lining Project
 - 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
- 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

- Southeast Tower Painting
 - The exterior of the SE water tower is scheduled to be painted the week of April 11
 - We will need to shut off and drain the tower to complete this work
 - A practice run of how we will operate without SE tower was conducted on Mar 31
 - This is a part of the annual tower maintenance plan
- Annual reports
 - I will be working on the annual CCR report as required by the OEPA this month
 - The CCR is the report for the consumers that outlines contaminants found in the drinking water and their concentrations
 - The City of Pataskala is consistently under contamination limit levels as required by the OEPA
 - The report is due July 1, but the OEPA will conduct a review of the CCR to ensure compliance if submitted by May 13

➤ **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
- WRF Upgrade
 - The Operator Team is working to fine tune the new equipment. The only thing left after that is to install the larger Jet Mixing Pumps that are still on backorder with no delivery date available at this time
 - We are meeting all of our permit requirements. The only issue left to correct is the Parvicella outbreak that is causing foaming issues in the Oxidation Ditch
- 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.
 - **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
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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.

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Respectfully submitted,



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