



Council Report
City of Pataskala Utility Department
Joe Peterson, Utility Director

➤ **New Items**

• **New Operational Updates**

- Leaks
 - On May 21st, a service line repair was done at 4475 York Rd.
 - On May 23rd, a service line was repaired at 296 Isaac Tharp.
 - ON may 30th, a service line was repaired at 116 Mohican.
- Meter Reading
 - Meter reading will be on May 27th.
- BWT Tower Painting Project
 - Sand blasting of the water tower has begun.
 - The tower is scheduled to be painted beginning May 27th.
 - This portion of the project will last two and a half months, weather permitting.
- Creek Road Lift Station
 - Tuscon is on site doing tree removal.
- WRF
 - Kirk Brothers is beginning blower installation.

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

- COVID-19 Wastewater Testing
 - Pataskala Utility Department is participating in the COVID-19 wastewater testing program.
 - This program was originally created to find evidence of the COVID-19 virus in our wastewater stream.
 - It has now been expanded to also include evidence of the Influenza virus.
 - 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>

- WRF Upgrade
 - Kirk Brothers is beginning blower installation.

• **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 with clean, safe water that meets or exceeds the requirements of 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.
 - Meter reading will be on May 27th.
 - Leaks
 - On May 21st, a service line repair was done at 4475 York Rd.
 - On May 23rd, a service line was repaired at 296 Isaac Tharp.
 - ON may 30th, a service line was repaired at 116 Mohican.
- **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.
- **Director**
 - WRF Expansion Design
 - The concept for the WRF Expansion Design is to break it up into two phases: planning design and final design.
 - To fund the planning design phase of \$500,000, the Utility Department intends to spend \$50,000 out of the Capital Improvements Fund, and \$450,000 from a 0% interest DEFA Planning Loan.
 - Once the planning design phase is complete, we will roll the planning loan into a 0% interest DEFA Design Loan for the final design services.
 - The amount of that loan will be determined in the planning design phase.
 - Once the final design services are complete, we will foll the design loan into a low interest DEFA Construction Loan.
 - This concept will defer payments until after the construction is completed in late 2028 or early 2029.

- This concept will also save us approximately \$8,000,000 in interest savings over the bonding concept that the budget was built on.
- Creek Road Force Main Upgrade Project update
 - The preconstruction meeting for this project took place on February 21.
 - Tuscon is on site doing tree removal.
 - A progress meeting has been rescheduled for next month.
- Beechwood Trails Verizon Antenna
 - Sand blasting of the water tower has begun.
 - The tower is scheduled to be painted beginning May 27th.
 - This portion of the project will last two and a half months, weather permitting.
 - Verizon will reinstall their antenna after the tower painting job is completed.
- 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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