

# Village Administrator's Report

as of 7/12/2023

## WATER SYSTEM

**Water Rate Analysis:** Representatives of the Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) met with the Finance Committee on 7/10, and no conclusions were reached. Further research and discussion will be needed.

**South Water Tank Project:** Nothing new to report since Administrator's report of 4/26/23.

**Johnson's Island Waterline Project:** The waterway permit application has been submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers, and Phase I archeological field survey found nothing unusual. The Village has retained Bricker Graydon LLP to guide us through the ORC 727 Special Assessments process, and they are currently gathering facts about the project to determine the best way to proceed. The July project task group meeting is scheduled (7/19).

**Bay Point Water Meters:** Nothing new to report since Administrator's report of 6/28.

**Ohio EPA Notice of Violation (NOV) dated 4/14/23:** Nothing new to report since Administrator's report of 6/14/23.

**US EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) of 1/15/2021:** 120Water, Inc. is working on the lead and copper service line inventory.

## PARKS & TRAILS

**Marblehead Welcome Center Project:** We will be planning a public input meeting and coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Office. A page about this project has been set up on the Village website.

**Electric utility pole in James Park:** The wooden utility pole located near the southeast corner of the James Park playground, is broken just below ground level and is being held up only by the electric lines. I met with a commercial electrical contractor who will send a price quote for options to correct this problem.

**James Park, Playground Renovation:** Forever Lawn, Inc. completed installing the playground surface on 7/10. The piece of playground equipment called the tilted spinner seat was knocked over and damaged beyond repair by the contractor during site grading. Our contractor will replace it at his expense, the part has been ordered, and it's anticipated this work will occur during mid-August.



Tilted spinner seat damaged during turf installation



I am obtaining quotes from contractors to create a retaining wall where needed.



The large silver maple tree between the playground and Robert Bird Drive appears to be in poor health, perhaps due to root damage. As an alternative to creating a retaining wall along this side of the playground, I am researching the idea of having the tree and stump removed so the ground can be graded to meet the playground surface height (photos below).



Meanwhile, the village crew will be bringing in soil, grading, and sowing grass seed along the sides of the playground where it is higher than the existing ground surface. Temporary fencing will be erected such that people will be limited to accessing the playground only at safe locations until the grass is established and the retaining wall(s) are built. Otherwise, the playground is now available for public use.

**OSS Solid Waste District grant opportunity:** Pursuant to Resolution 10-2023, adopted 6/14/23, the Village's grant application has been submitted to the Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca (OSS) Solid Waste District for purchasing 6 trash bins and 5 benches.

## **STREETS**

**Streets and sidewalks improvements:** In light of the engineer's cost estimate of \$367,000 for the Church Street Improvements project which does not fit the Village's budget, I have been meeting with both paving and concrete contractors to get cost estimates for milling-and-filling and fixing sidewalks at various locations in the community.

**Utility pole at Main/Clemons intersection:** Pursuant to the Infrastructure Committee's recommendation for removing the utility pole and streetlight at the Main/Clemons intersection, I anticipate receiving a price quote from First Energy Corp by the end of July.

**Clemons Street signage:** 10mph speed limit signs have been posted to be visible for both directions of traffic. The No Parking signs remain to be completed.

**Elliott Street roadside parking:** Ed Burdue had planned to create the gravel parking area during the last half of the week of 7/3, however the rainy weather was not conducive.

**Elliott Street Drainage:** The property owner at 922 Elliott Street has complained that stormwater from the street flowed onto their property and into their basement during a recent rain event. We will be investigating this.

### **OTHER**

**Cell tower lease area behind Radar Park:** Bob Hruska has contacted the telecommunication company that the Village would like to see an alternative to avoid the tree removals. We await their reply.

**Potential grant opportunity for police body armor:** Nothing new to report since the Administrator's report of 3/22/2023.

**Potential grant opportunity for police body cameras:** Nothing new to report since the Administrator's report of 1/11/2023.