

# Village Administrator's Report

as of 6/14/2023

## WATER SYSTEM

**Water Rate Analysis:** The Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) is assisting the Village with updating its capital improvement plan (CIP) which will provide much-needed updated financial information to be incorporated into the rate analysis. RCAP representatives attended the 6/12 Finance Committee meeting to present the CIP and how it affects the budget, and consequently the need to increase water rates. Based on the discussion, RCAP will make revisions and return for a follow-up meeting with the Finance Committee, currently scheduled for July 10, 6:00PM.

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

**Johnson's Island Waterline Project:** The project task group met on 5/17 and a June task group meeting is scheduled. The engineering process continues to advance. The timeline for completion of the environmental review process and regulatory permits is not yet known, although tasks have been initiated including preparing the waterway permit application for US Army Corps of Engineers, and Phase I archeological survey. Special legal counsel will be hired specifically to guide us through the ORC 727 Special Assessments process. The Village will conduct a public meeting on 6/24 starting 10:00AM, at the Johnson's Island Clubhouse to share currently known information about the project. A page has been created on the Village website about the project.

**Ohio EPA Notice of Violation (NOV) dated 4/14/23:** OEPA's annual inspection of the Village water system on 4/6/23, resulted in two letters dated 4/14. The first letter is a NOV with four items to address, and the second letter contains a list of sixteen (16) recommendations. Tony and I have communicated with OEPA about the anticipated timelines for completing the four NOV items.

**US EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) of 1/15/2021:** 120Water, Inc. has been authorized to proceed with the lead and copper service line inventory.

**Bay Point Water Meters:** Tony Joyce and I observed the project site on 6/14, and the contractor has been actively working on installing the 8-inch watermain loop to link the existing dead-ends. Their progress went more slowly in an area where several underground utility lines had to be crossed. Other work remaining to be completed includes installing pits and meters at the Office and Maintenance Building, installing the pit at the Campground, and relocating the 6-inch meter to the Campground.



Installing the 8-inch watermain loop to link the existing dead-ends

## PARKS & TRAILS

Four volunteers from the Lions Club (Harry Blackmon, Jerry Rhodes, John Spencer, Bill Tuttamore) assembled the Village's seven new picnic tables at the James Park picnic shelter (5/31). These tables were purchased using the grant from the Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Solid Waste District.

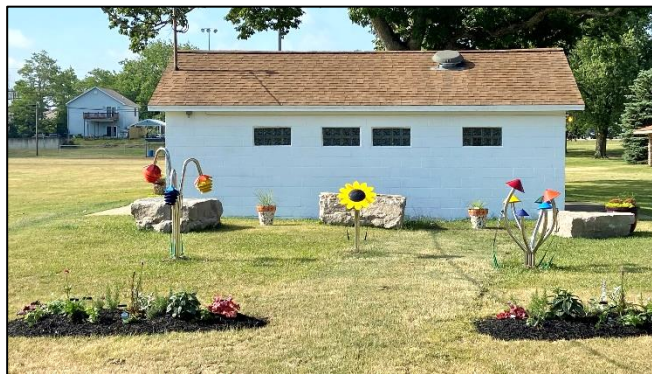
Lions Club members have also volunteered to assemble the four new tables for Clemons Park, which is scheduled for 6/26.



Left photo: (L to R) John Spencer, Jerry Rhodes, Harry Blackmon, Bill Tuttamore



**Sensory Garden at James Park:** Augmenting the outdoor musical instruments purchased and installed using the \$6,604 grant from The Park District of Ottawa County, many volunteers have participated in developing the sensory garden area including: Dale Dubbert, Dave and Sandy Kimmel, Maryanne Laubner, Russ and Linda Merckens, Maryann and Blake Sauvey, Rhonda and Paul Sowers, Olga and Katya Trumpower, and Linda Twarek. A mural is planned for the north side of the restroom building which faces the garden.



The sensory garden area at James Park (6/14/23)

**James Park, Playground Renovation:** Forever Lawn, Inc. plans to install the playground surface starting 6/20.



Masonry Construction Co., Inc. completed masonry repairs to the James Park picnic shelter for \$2,430. This is \$510 less than the original quote because less labor was required than had been anticipated. The project included the columns, fireplace, and chimney. Mold killer was applied about two weeks ahead of the surfaces being washed, mortar tuckpointed, and two coats of a masonry sealer applied.



Gaps in mortar, mildew on limestone, before repairs



Mildew removed and mortar being repaired (6/8/23)

**Marblehead Welcome Center Project:** Before we conduct a public meeting, I have contacted the National Park Service asking for their concurrence with the Village's current intention to simplify the scope of this project to make the Radar Park building into a community meeting space with restrooms (which is consistent with what the originally approved proposal was in 1971).

### STREETS

Preparing for mayfly season, Ohio Edison plans to start turning off streetlights in Marblehead and other lakefront communities starting 6/5.

**Church Street Improvements Project:** This project, planned for 2023 construction, includes replacing the deteriorated pavement of Church St and making related improvements from Stone St to James St, plus replacing the water main between Perry and James Streets. The final plans and engineer's cost estimate have been received from CT Consultants. The estimate (dated 6/14) is \$367,000 which is much greater than the amount budgeted for this project.

**Elliott Street roadside parking:** As reported in the Administrator's report of 12/14/22, last year's Elliott St improvements project did not include replacing the gravel parking along the south side of Elliott St, and west of Stone St. Ed Burdue & Co. has been hired to perform the work for a price not to exceed \$7,500 and the contractor expects to accomplish this by the end of June.

### 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.

**BroadbandOhio Internet Access Initiative:** BroadbandOhio is an office of the Ohio Department of Development, and its mission is basically about Ohioans having access to affordable high-speed internet.

BroadbandOhio has set four strategic priorities:

- Priority 1: Bring reliable, affordable high-speed internet to every Ohioan, in their homes and communities.
- Priority 2: Promote the creation of world-class broadband networks throughout the state.
- Priority 3: Enable participation in the modern economy (i.e. commerce, telehealth access, education, precision agriculture, etc.).
- Priority 4: Empower Ohioans through training, device access, and digital skills.

Until now, BroadbandOhio has been focused primarily on working with internet service providers (ISPs) to improve and expand their infrastructures.

Now, BroadbandOhio is making a concerted effort to conduct statewide stakeholder outreach to find out what citizens feel are the key issues concerning internet accessibility where they live and work. Bowling Green State University's Center for Regional Development is facilitating the public input initiative. An Internet access survey has been developed to garner the public input. **This survey will open for about 2 more weeks.** Paper copies can be obtained and submitted at the library, or it can be accessed online at [https://bgsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_084O3a9UifPuWeq](https://bgsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_084O3a9UifPuWeq) or by using the following QR code. The more participants the better.

