

Village Administrator's Report

as of 5/24/2023

WATER SYSTEM

The Village's reformatted Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for 2022 is ready ahead of schedule. It's on the Village website, Resources drop-down menu > Documents.

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https://www.marbleheadohio.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/water/page/2273/marblehead_consumer_confidence_report_2022.pdf

Or...



I attended the Spring meeting of the Lake Erie Water Plant Group, which is an organization of water utilities that use Lake Erie as their source of raw water. The Group is a subdivision of the American Water Works Association. There were about 50 attendees and, in addition to the networking, we received updates about US and Ohio EPA regulations affecting water utilities.

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. We have planned one more staff meeting (6/1) with RCAP to finalize the CIP and discuss their recommendation about the Village's water rates. After that, it's anticipated we will be ready to resume the water rate discussion at the Finance Committee.

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. 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. More information will be issued about this event.

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.

Cyanotoxin General Plan (aka HABs Plan): Response sent to OEPA (4/12/23) concerning their review comments of 6/17/22.

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.

OEPA grant opportunity: We received notification that our application for an H2Ohio Equipment Grant was not selected for funding (email, 5/18).

Bay Point Water Meters: Tony Joyce and I observed the project site on 5/23, and the contractor has been actively working on installing the 8-inch watermain loop to link the existing dead-ends. However, the contractor's progress was interrupted this week to locate and repair a leak that developed in the old original piping. It appeared the leak was going to be resolved on 5/23. 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.

PARKS & TRAILS

Four new picnic tables for Clemons Park, and seven new picnic tables for James Park have been delivered. Lions Club members have volunteered to assemble the tables. I am coordinating this with them.

The Village maintenance crew painted the exterior of the James Park restroom building today.

James Park, New Playground Equipment: Snider Recreation, Inc. completed installation of the playground equipment on 4/14. Forever Lawn, Inc. has informed us that rainy weather has impacted their schedule and they are currently running about 1½ to 2 weeks behind, pushing this into June.

Outdoor musical instruments for James Park: The Park District of Ottawa County awarded the Village a \$6,604.00 grant to assist with funding this project. The equipment was installed by Snider Recreation Inc. on 5/13 (Saturday). This will be the focal point of what is being called a sensory garden, that is being developed.

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).

OSS Solid Waste District grant: The Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca Solid Waste District (OSS) approved the Village's grant application for \$7,369.41 and the picnic tables were delivered on 5/24.

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, will replace the deteriorated pavement of Church St and make related improvements, from Stone St to James St plus replace the water main between Perry and James Streets. CT Consultants did not have the bid package and Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost ready in time for the 5/24 council meeting. Thus, the resolution to authorize advertising for bids will need to be handled at the next council meeting. The next regular council meeting will be on 6/14.

The Village's flower pots (28 hanging, 27 ground) and flower beds were completed the week of 5/16. Thank you to community volunteers Linda Twarek, Judy Indorf, Lisa Bauer, Gwen Funderwhite, and Natalie Fontana for their efforts.



Delivery, sorting, and potting



Placing the pots and baskets



Watering and fertilizing



The results

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.

Potential grant opportunity for Village trees: The Ottawa Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the City of Port Clinton are organizing an effort for communities in the county to collectively apply for a grant through the US Forest Service to potentially hire a forestry consultant to develop tree management plans and provide funds for tree removals and plantings. The grant would be for 5 years and requires a 1:1 match, which can be in-kind or cash. Ottawa SWCD is asking for letters of commitment from communities – including Village of Marblehead – to go with the grant application. It does not commit the Village to a specific dollar amount, just a commitment to participate.