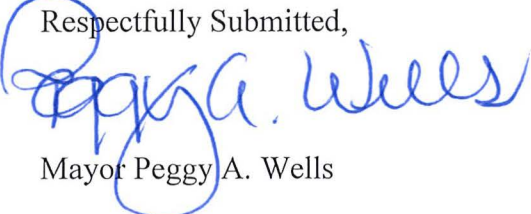


BLV Mayor's Report
October 22, 2018

1. We continue to benefit from the generosity of State Farm. We recently received 22 upholstered/stackable chairs for Council Chambers, 27 high quality office chairs, seven tables with wheels, three worktables, four metal storage cabinets and four metal shelving units. Thanks to Buckeye Lake former resident Kim Lust for her help in securing this donation for us. Thank you State Farm!
2. Thanks to Licking County Prosecutor Bill Hayes' personal intervention, a long-time problem property at 90 Leroy Street, was sold at the October 4 Sheriff's Sale.
3. Four new speakers have been installed on the ceiling of Council Chambers to amplify the microphones during meetings. The cost was \$260 with \$200 covered by two anonymous donors. We also repositioned the camera that was on the back wall to the middle of the ceiling to provide a better view of council meetings.
4. Doug Stewart and I attended the first Dam Advisory Council meeting in over a year at ODNR's Columbus headquarters. Most of the discussion focused on the new dam front dock regulations that were released to the public two days later. Former Mayor Clay Carroll also attended the meeting.
5. Our waste collection contractor, Local Waste, agreed to move an unused dumpster following our Fall Cleanup to an abandoned house at 217 Renner. This property includes open three outbuildings with trash and furniture littering the side and rear yards. With the help of Street Supervisor Randy Bucy, we were able to clean up the yards, filling the dumpster. We also trimmed the lower branches of several trees on the property to provide access for our backhoe to load the heavier items. Several neighbors stopped by during our work to thank us for our efforts.
6. Our plans to complete our Ohio 79 sidewalk project via another Community Development Block Grant is on schedule for this Fall. The project will extend the eastside sidewalk from A-1 Auto Parts to Wendy's. According to Sue Spiker of Licking County Planning, the contract is proceeding and she will be scheduling a pre-construction meeting in the next two weeks. The contractor is GM General Contracting.
7. Zoning Inspector Doug Stewart resigned as of September 30, because the position threatened his pension. His hard work and enthusiasm will be missed. We will be advertising for letters of interest/resumes.
8. We have started the search for a new village solicitor. I encourage council members to participate by submitting names of prospective solicitors or firms. Our current solicitor will be available to us until November 24 unless we hire a new solicitor prior to that date.
9. The complex wind-down of our former health insurance coop, OPEC-HC, continues on several fronts. The Benovation contractor, ClaimDoc, that tried to force OPEC-HC into an involuntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy in federal court has withdrawn their petition. ClaimDoc is trying to collect \$683,000. ClaimDoc is now going to ask a Franklin County Common Pleas judge to expand the receiver's authority beyond just paying medical bills. Our joint group and the Stark County Combined Health District led-group will oppose this expansion because it could lead to assessments to pay ClaimDoc and other non-medical creditors like Ohio Insurance Services (Frank Harmon's company) and his legal counsel. So far Jefferson Health Plan has not taken any specific steps to collect its \$9 million in "loans" to OPEC-HC. If JHP tries to recover the entire amount, it could cost the Village another \$19,494. Expansion of the receiver's authority to pay other claims could add another \$3,000 or so to our costs. Both joint legal groups will challenge both actions. Our attorney, Mark Stemm of Porter, Wright, believes we have many openings to challenge the legal and factual merits of JHP's claims.

Respectfully Submitted,



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