

City of the Village of Clarkston
City Manager Report
July 14, 2014

Consolidated Emergency Operations Center Project

As you know the City has been working with the Township and the Clarkston school District regarding an area Emergency Operations plan. The Township has directed the Fire Department to apply for a grant from the State of Michigan to equip a Center which would serve residents in the City, Independence and Springfield Township. I sent a letter to the Fire Department indicating our support for the grant. There would be no cost involved for the City.

Mill Race Repair

Councilwoman Peg Roth questioned the completion of the Mill Race Repair at the June 9th Council meeting. I indicated at the meeting that Gary Tressel and Tom Ryan would look at the work that was done and determine if the issue was closed. After close inspection of the documents in the file, Gary Tressel came to the conclusion the City is not responsible for any maintenance of the Mill Race, only the storm water pipes. Gary Tressel and I met with Mr. Roth and Councilwoman Roth at the site where they were informed of Mr. Tressel's opinion. I consulted with Tom Ryan who agreed with this conclusion.

Summer Tax Bills

Bills were mailed on June 30th. This year we used Oakland county to do our mailing which allowed a bulk rate postage rate. After the staff checked the accuracy the county print shop collated and mailed. A city newsletter was included in this bill. Residents who's tax bills are sent to mortgage companies received a separate mailing.

July 4th Parade

Great parade! Kudos to the parade committee which is made up of a collaboration between community groups. Mayor Luginski and Councilwomen Roth walked in the parade representing the City along with Supervisor Kittle. Great fun...huge crowd. Our DPW workers did a stellar job both before and after the parade. Good job guys!

Planning Commission

I met with the planning commission to convey the Council's referral regarding the banner posts on Depot. They will be making a decision at the August meeting. Two members were absent and the committee felt they wanted to include everyone in the discussion. The group also set a goal to complete the master plan by the end of the year, and finish the by-laws for the commission.

3 East Church

John Morgan has given the City notice of his intentions to sell 3 East. Enclosed in the packet is a letter from John and Connie Morgan's attorney with his opinion on the interpretation of our current lease of that property. Joe has indicated he intends to appoint a facilities committee at this council meeting.

M15 resurfacing update

Enclosed with my report is a report from Gary Tressel regarding the schedule for the resurfacing project.

HRC South Bridge

HRC has submitted their report regarding the structural integrity of the bridge at the south end of the park. Their recommendation is to replace the wooded portion of the bridge which is basically what the council expected when you approved the temporary repair last December. When I spoke with Gary on July 10th, after I received the report he indicated the bridge could continue to be used safely, however felt no motorized vehicles should be allowed. HRC recommended some repairs to ensure the bridge remain safe while we plan for the replacement. He assured me those repairs will continue to ensure the bridge is safe and passable until a new bridge is installed. Since Jason is on vacation until Wednesday, July 16th, I've blocked off the bridge until he returns and can complete the work that needs to be done. Please find the full report in the packet.