



CITY OF GROVEPORT
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 8, 2013

ADMINISTRATION – *Marsha Hall*

- Below is a status of on-going items requested by Council:
 - Lighting on Homer Ohio Lane – Dennis Moore has a work order in with AEP.
 - “No Parking” issues Tallman and Green – We are currently reviewing.
 - Wirt Road sidewalks, lights – *We are waiting for ODOT’s approval.*
 - Bixby Rd. middle striping – Dennis has this scheduled. There are areas of the roadway that needs patching before the striping is done. All work should be completed by late Spring.
- No Through Truck Traffic Signage:
The Police Chief, Dennis Moore and I met and reviewed our current “No Through Truck” signage throughout the city. We currently have eight (8) signs, and are proposing six (6) additional signs. With the addition of these six signs every entry into Groveport will now have signage regulating truck traffic. We are requesting that the legislation allowing the addition of the six signs to our Traffic Control Map be considered for passage by emergency legislation due to the planned detour for the Richardson Rd. bridge replacement beginning approximately April 15th.
- Spiegel Drive Reconstruction Project
A meeting with the project area businesses was conducted on April 2 by EMH&T. The project scope, schedule, and impacts to traffic was discussed and well received by the businesses.
- Water Meter Replacement Project:
Dennis, Amy and Jim (water billing), Jeff and I met in late 2012 to begin exploring proposed changes to the water meter system. The replacement of the

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water meters served by the Groveport water plant was included, in part, in the water rate study performed by CT Consultants.

CT estimated the cost for 1,200 water meters to be \$350,000, or \$292 per meter. Their proposed cost was for the replacement meters only, and does not include installation. In addition, Page 12 of their December, 2011 report indicates that this cost is to replace with straight forward meters. They also indicated that if advanced metering technology with features such as remote reading, leak detection, or remote shut-off was desired, the cost would increase dependent on the features desired.

These features, especially the remote reading and leak detection, are important. Because of the continuing future water rate increases, we believe that it is desirable to bill the users more frequently than quarterly. This should assist the user in better budgeting for their bills and result in fewer shut offs.

The staff explored various water meter reading systems, attended a demonstration, then met again and are recommending a Sensus system. The Sensus system is used by Pickerington, Buckeye Lake, and Canal Winchester, and is currently being installed in Lancaster and Marysville.

The staff (Dennis, Jeff, and Amy) and I have met with HD Supply to explore their Sensus systems. The two systems being considered are as follows:

Sensus DriveBy AMR System

This system includes iPERL water meters requested by the Water Department staff and department head, a base station laptop and software that reads meter usage by driving around at certain locations within the service area, software, 2 handhelds, command links & GPS receivers, and training.

FlexNet System

This system includes the same type of water meter as the other system. Instead of a laptop that a driver uses while driving around the service area, there is a base station that would be installed on top of the water tank. The information comes directly into a computer in the water billing office.

With this system the transmitter reads hourly and sends information 4 to 5 times daily. This would allow us to contact a user immediately if it appeared that there was a leak. Also, this system, over time, will save us on equipment and personnel costs since our water department staff would no longer spend any time reading meters.

Cost Comparison

The cost estimate for both proposed systems include installation, software, programming, and training. The FlexNet system also includes project management through the installation of the entire system.

DriveBy System	\$438,792.00
FlexNet System	\$496,733.00
Water meters only	\$350,000.00, plus installation
iPERL meters only	\$404,400.00, plus installation

Total Cost Estimates from Water Rate Study

CT Consultants water rate study included the following costs when they determined the water rates:

New water treatment plant construction (re-uses current softeners, pumps & clearwell)	\$2,000,000.00
Rehabilitation of water tank	\$ 200,000.00
Demolish 2 nd water tank	\$ 100,000.00
Replace meters	\$ 350,000.00
2 PRVs at Columbus connection	\$ 400,000.00
Total Projects Cost	\$3,050,000.00

Current preliminary cost estimates:

New water treatment plant construction (includes new equipment @ request of staff)	\$2,187,000.00
Rehabilitation of water tank (10 year contract; approx. \$30,000 per year from operating)	-----
Demolish 2 nd tank (contract – no charge for demolition in exchange for scrap)	-----
Replace meters – FlexNet System	\$ 496,733.00
2 PRVs at Columbus connection	\$ 296,000.00 *
Total Projects Cost	\$2,979,733.00

* This is being investigated with OEPA for requirement and completion deadline.

We are still within the original cost estimates used when determining water rates.

Demo

We may have access to a FlexNet demonstration in May/June or possibly April. We are not charged for this; however, it does take a plan. It would require that 12 to 14 meters and transmitters be put somewhere in our service area. We

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would need to do some meter change outs to encoded registers for the demo. I would only suggest this if you are not sure you want to commit to the FlexNet System.

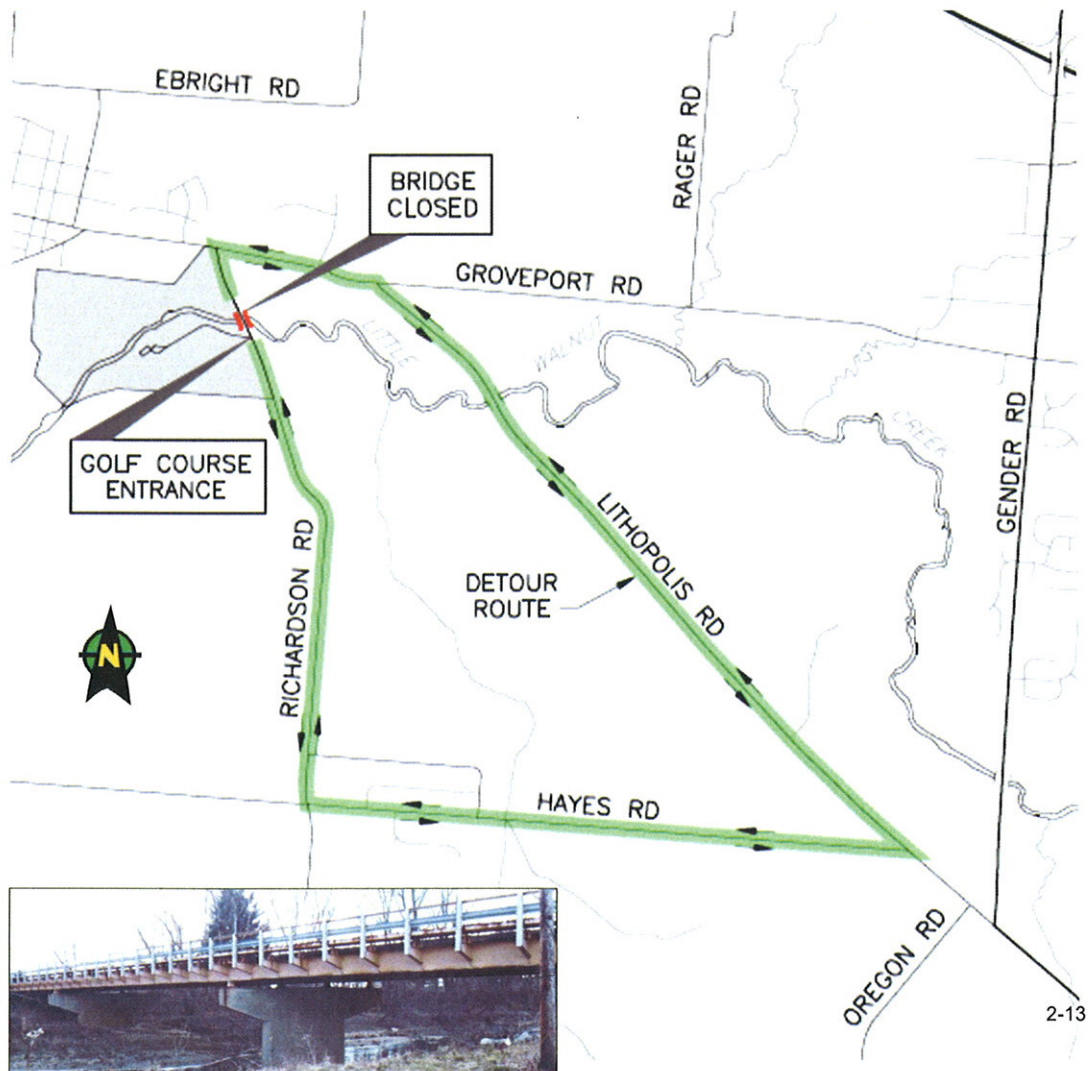
Meetings Attended:

04/01 Planning & Zoning Meeting – Main & Front Sts. Project
04/02 Spiegel Dr. OPWC project mtg. with affected businesses
04/02 BRAC meeting re. military future at Rickenbacker
04/02 Mtg. with EMH&T re. Front Main project costs
04/03, 04/04 Aquatic Manager interviews
04/05 Mtg re. 2013 stormwater projects

Upcoming Meetings:

04/09 Mtg. re. bonds
04/10 Southeast Area Group meeting
04/11 Mtg. with State Rep. Grossman re. HB5
04/12 Suburban Leaders meeting
04/16 Mtg. at Westerville re. HB5
04/24 Administrative Assistants Luncheon – SEFC Chamber
04/25 MORPC Annual Meeting
04/29, 04/30 Leadership training

The Links at Groveport Richardson Road Bridge Detour Map



Reconstruction of the Richardson Road Bridge, spanning Little Walnut Creek south of Groveport Road, will require Richardson Road to be closed on or about April 15 until late July 2013.

The posted detour route for southbound motorists wishing to reach The Links at Groveport will follow Groveport Road east to Lithopolis Road, south to Hayes Road, west to Richardson Road, and north to the golf course. Traffic exiting The Links will follow the detour route in the opposite direction.

Please drive cautiously around the project and provide extra time to reach your golf outing.

For additional information, please call the Franklin County Engineer's Office at (614) 525-3030 or visit their web site at www.franklincountyengineer.org.

GOLF – Tom Walker

	Rounds	
	March	YTD
2010	837	892
2011	663	872
2012	1541	2162
2013	571	865

The league schedule has been finalized for 2013 with one league not returning and the addition of three new leagues. The total number of leagues for 2013 is 20.

The Richardson road bridge construction is scheduled to begin on April 15th and is scheduled to be completed on July 15th. All leagues and outings have been notified and forwarded the detour map. Also the detour map has been posted on the website and a message will be posted on the phone prompt indicating the closure.

On March 28th, Mike and Chris Hurdzan were on site to begin the master plan project. We met to discuss long term goals, facility planning, and golf course improvements. After the meeting we toured the golf course and discussed possible improvements. We are scheduled to meet again in a few weeks to review recommendations and site plans. The finalized recommendations are scheduled to be completed in June.

Clubhouse improvements to the kitchen are on going, which has delayed the opening of the new food and beverage vendor for full service. The hope is that the hood and walk in cooler will be completed this week or next.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT – Stephen Moore

Planning Commission

Deadline for submission is April 5, 2013 for May 6, 2013
Nothing at this time

Board of Zoning Appeals

Deadline for submission is April 5, 2013 for May 6, 2013
#2013-003 – A sign variance for the City of Groveport at Main & Hendron Rd

Update on Projects:

Bright Innovations 3 new buildings – permits issued
Birch Tavern kitchen – project in progress
Fed One – 6840 Pontius Rd – project in progress
AEP Storage/Shop Bldg – project in progress
McGraw Hill expansion – project in progress
Cardinal Health Cooler – project in progress
Crowncork and Seal tenant improvements – plans submitted
GAP interior alterations – certificate of occupancy issued
FedOne batting cage – plans submitted
Eastland Fairfield HVAC improvements – plans submitted
Komar Industries expansion into new building – plans submitted
Mobis tenant improvements – plans submitted

Permit Updates

March 2013

BUILDING PERMIT	16
ELECTRICAL PERMIT	5
HVAC PERMIT	6
FIRE ALARAM PERMIT	3
FIRE SUPPRESSION	2
ZONING COMPLIANCE	13

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – *Linda Haley*

Coffee Shop

Saturday morning Coffee Shops return to Town Hall this Saturday at 9:30 am, with continental breakfast provided by the Groveport Giant Eagle. Entertainment will be 40's, 50's and 60's music provided by Terri Christensen and Treble Clefs. This month's Coffee Shop will be held on the third floor.

Creepy Crawly Critters

Town Hall's art gallery displays a nature-themed exhibit every year. This year's exhibit, called Creepy Crawly Critters, is an educational hands-on experience for all ages featuring mounted and live insects, frogs, skulls, furs and scat. Two large paper wasp nests are mounted overhead, with a central activity center for children. As of today, twelve school groups have already scheduled field trips, with many more anticipated. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Wildlife, Turtle Lady, PT Reptiles and Metro Parks. The official opening and a guided tour of the exhibit will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 11 am.

Turtle Lady Visits

Town Hall welcomes a visit from the Turtle Lady on Saturday, April 13 at 2 pm. The popular presenter regularly brings a number of reptiles for children in a fun and educational afternoon.