

Date: December 17, 2008

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky

RE: Monthly Activity Report

We've had a very busy month trying to complete some existing projects and have had some new issues develop.

We have submitted a request for the final payment for the Police car and equipment grant from RD. It was a relatively small amount but needed to be finalized before the grant could be closed.

The Holiday in Lights Parade was a once again a success. Don Soderbloom and other members of the DPW helped put the float together. Mayor Zanon, Clerk Anderson, Treasurer Johnson and Foreman Anderson all took time to participate in the parade. Chief Goriesky and the Police Department helped along the parade route with traffic. A special thanks goes out to the DDA for the financial support as well as all the business community members who worked so hard to make this event happen.

The City's DDA has finalized the paperwork for the \$734,000 DEQ loan and has directed the consultant to begin receiving proposals for the environmental cleanup of the Central School. Work will likely begin within the next 30 days.

Since our last meeting we have determined that the City's pump house #4 has more serious problems than was originally thought to exist. The well and pump have been in service for over twenty five years without requiring any major maintenance. Over the past 6 months however it was determined that water level was being drawn down to an unsafe level while in operation. This is usually a sign that the well screen is beginning to calcify which allows less water to enter the well from the aquifer which feeds it. Layne Northwest was brought in to remove the pump and mechanisms and to clean the screen. Once the pump and associated equipment pulled it was determined the pump shaft and other parts were badly worn and could likely fail if put back into use. The estimated repair costs exceeded \$25,000. Based on this information, we decided to take well house #4 off line which required making changes in the distribution system so this water district could be served by Wells #1 and #2. In addition, we determined that it would be best to drain the Strawberry Hill tank and feed the system from the Stambaugh tank. This required that several pressure reducing valves had to be recalculated to handle the pressure changes. STS/AECOM assisted with this process and we have been in contact with the DEQ regarding this issue. I have asked STS/AECOM to prepare a proposal to assist with designing changes to the system which will result in meeting the long term needs of our water consumers. The issue will be covered in greater detail at our regular meeting.

I have completed reviewing the proposals for the City's solid waste disposal contract. We have proposals from 3 companies for both 3 and 5 year agreements. The prices indicate that the City will need to consider changing from our current vendor.