

Date: October 20, 2010

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky, Manager

RE: Monthly Activity Report

This past month's DPW activities have been devoted to routine fall activities as well as gearing up for the upcoming winter season. The snow removal equipment is being checked over and repaired as needed. The crew will begin flushing hydrants and water mains in the near future and checking the main sewer lines that have given us problems in the past. We are still cutting grass in some locations. Hopefully this will be the last time for this season. The crew has begun picking up leaves from the roadsides and the fall leaf and brush pickup has been scheduled for October 25th through October 29th. As in the past, only leaves that have been properly bagged and left curbside will be collected. Only brush that has been hauled to the curb with butt ends to the street will be chipped and hauled away. No other materials or trash will be accepted.

The Clerk's office has been busy preparing for the November 2nd General Election. Absentee ballot applications have been coming and that of course has kept the office busier than usual. The Treasurer recently attended a conference downstate to learn about the future of Revenue Sharing. It appears that it will likely continue to decline in future years.

The remainder of the security equipment and new snowplow truck financed through the RD Grant/Loan program should be ready for delivery by the middle of next month. As a result of better pricing than we expected, we have been able to secure some additional equipment at no added cost to the City. We will be purchasing an additional tailgate sander and possibly a snow blower for the front of the small sidewalk sweeper. If we can find a unit that will fit, we will use it to clear the sidewalks in the business districts whenever time permits.

We are continuing to work with our engineers on the final design of next year's streetscape project in the former Stambaugh business district. This project will add a badly needed facelift to that entire area and hopefully draw attention to those businesses currently located there. Plans are also in the final stage to connect the Mineral Hills location to the sanitary sewer system and the West Iron County Sewer Authority. We will continue to develop these plans over the next few months so that an early bid date can be established.