## BLV Mayor's Report September 10, 2018

1. We have received some more good news from ODOT. Late last month, ODOT told us that our 2018 Curb & Walk Improvements project has been selected for funding by the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). Previously, ODOT has provided 80 percent of the eligible costs via Federal Funds in the Transportation Alternative Program. This year ODOT will provide 95 percent of eligible costs via Federal TAP funds up to a maximum of \$493,021. The funds will be available in state fiscal year 2022 which begins July 1,2021. We will be contacting ODOT to schedule a project scope meeting. This project will extend our sidewalk and curb improvements to our

northern corporation limit and includes an additional crosswalk.

2. The Shelly Company has completed the construction portion of the two-week project to completely rebuild Hunts Landing Road. The existing road surface and base was ground to a depth of 12 inches, and then mixed with cement to create a much stronger base. Two new asphalt layers were placed on this new base. The full depth reclamation was increased from the original six inches to 12 inches to better accommodate the expected truck traffic during the construction of the medical marijuana cultivation facility that will be accessed from Hunts Landing Road. This project was financed with a 95 percent grant/loan combination from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Our local match was 5 percent. Traffic was successfully detoured through Cranberry Bay during the two-day complete closure.

3. A new HVAC system and most of the trim has been installed in our bootstrap

renovation of the police station.

4. Thanks to the personal attention that Licking County Prosecutor Bill Hayes gave to the long impending foreclosure of 90 Leroy Street, two dates for a Sheriff's Sale have been set. The first auction is set for October 4; if the property does not sell, the second and final auction is set for October 18.

5. Our online auction of village surplus property brought us \$238. Most of the items that didn't garner a bid during the auction have been donated to Goodwill

Industries.

6. Police Chief Wardlow recently successfully completed a one-week required training course for new police chiefs at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy in London.

7. After considering several proposals, a new Verizon phone system has been installed in the administrative offices to replace the outdated system that was causing a lot of issues. Funding for the new system was available within the approved budget for

phone service.

8. The Mayor appointed four members to serve as the screening panel for the required RFQ process to select the design/engineering consultant for the Municipal Bridge Project that will replace the two bridges currently serving the Englefield, McDonald's and motel properties with a single bridge aligned with Mill Dam Road. The members are council members John Geiger and Bill French who both have experience with similar projects: Planning Commission member Dick Williams who has extensive engineering experience; and Toby Miller. The group will score RFQ's submitted by prospective firms and make a recommendation to council. This process is on a very tight schedule and will have to go to council directly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Peggy A. Wells