

Information on water projects is updated

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MADISON VILLAGE – Council Member John Hamercheck gave the Utilities Committee report at the Aug. 5 meeting, saying the water tower at the interchange was out of service; the booster pumps at the main water plant were being reviewed, as well as the system performance concerning the pumps.

The committee is also reviewing the Dayton Road Water Tower to determine capacity and monitor system performance since the water tower at the Route 528/Interstate 90 interchange is now permanently out of service.

"Most of you should know we did manage to pass the most recent two hurdles regarding the grant for the \$227,000; I believe it's a loan of an additional \$73,000 for a water line improvement project on (Route) 528," Hamercheck said. "We managed to get past both the Executive Committee and the Integrating Committee for District 7; that would be the pre-application and we were referred to the state for the final application and disbursement of funds as requested."

He explained the grant and the loan were to take the water line from Route 307 on Route 528 to River Road to hook up with the county water line. The original Phase 1 plan had been to run the water line from south of Interstate

90 to River Road. However, when the water line broke under I-90 they needed to come up with Phase 2, which had to be implemented first (because of the loss of so much water).

"Then, we extended partially into the Phase 1 as a change order ...," Hamercheck said.

Council President Don Bartlett said he believed council appreciated Hamercheck's efforts to work with all involved in the water line projects.

A purchase order request for \$28,400 to Burgess & Niple for the Dayton Road Water Tower Project (sandblasting, painting and repairs) was withdrawn so the Utility Committee could meet and discuss the request.

In other business:

- An ordinance accepting the bid of Trax Construction Company for water line installation for the State Route 528 Southerly Water Line Construction Project 1 (Part A), authorizing a contract and declaring an emergency remained tabled.

- First reading was held on an ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of all duly dedicated street lighting in the village and declaring an emergency.

- First reading was held on an ordinance levying assessments for the improvement of streets in the village by supplying street lighting and declaring an emergency.

- It was reported the Economic

Development Advisory Group had received some interest from parties about doing business in the village, but nothing of significance as yet. It was in the process of preparing literature for council's review.

- Councilman Duane Frager reported the Recreation Committee is researching the issues concerning the proposed ice skating rink.

He called upon Richard Fike to report on the first annual (Main Street Run) 5K Run/Walk which occurred Aug. 3. Fike said there were 250 participants from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and other states, which included 10 of the best runners in northeast Ohio.

"I have to especially thank Chief Dawn Shannon for coordinating all the safety aspects of it," Fike said, also thanking members of the Madison Fire District, council members and residents who helped.

He said many participants said they liked the route and wanted to return next year and many stayed and patronized village restaurants afterward.

- Frager reported the Madison Joint Recreation District took advantage of the Main Street Run to pass out information on the upcoming River Rampage 5K Run being held in partnership with the Lake County YMCA on Sept. 29 at the Outdoor Family YMCA on River

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Road in Perry Township. shirt size. (For more information go online to www.lakecountyymca.org, Sept. 6 to guarantee their

click on Calendar and go to Sept. 29.)

- It was reported two full-time officers have left the department this year and their experience was a loss.

Shannon said one of them was her range officer and she hoped he would be able to work part-time. Since he went to Madison Township, Police Chief Len Del Calzo had said he would not oppose that arrangement.

- Shannon said the school zone signs would soon be re-located from West Main

Street to East Main Street and the school district's expense. A crosswalk will also be put in.

- Richard Fike, director of Madison Combined Martial Arts Association, said he has about 50 students, most of whom enter from the rear of the building. He expressed concerns about motorists speeding through the alleyway behind his and other West Main Street businesses who might hit one of his students. He offered to pay for signage warning motorists about children crossing there.

- After completing his engineering report, David McCallops advised Council he had turned in his two weeks' notice at URS so he would no longer be the village engineer. He recommended the village approve Dan Gerson as his replacement.

- Fiscal officer Tony Long said his office was doing its best to resolve delinquent water/sewage accounts but in some cases they could not shut off the water because the line served other residents.

The next regular meeting of council will be Aug. 19 at