



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

May 2016

Council Projects Meeting

Each year the city manager facilitates a meeting with senior staff along with New Albany Council members to review upcoming city projects, develop a project list and prioritize the activities according to recommendations from department directors. This year's agenda included Rose Run Park corridor enhancements, leisure trails and trail loops, the Greensward & US 62 intersection improvement and multiple traffic signals improvements.

City All Staff Meeting

The city manager and department directors hosted a staff meeting for all city employees to review the most recent yearly updates from each department. Included in the presentation was information on recent developments within New Albany Village Center, city financial status and projects taken on by police and service departments. Two duplicate sessions were held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to accommodate all the employees and lunch was provided for staff between the two sessions.

Data Management Software Update

The public service department has long since been searching for a comprehensive asset management system that handles all aspects of public infrastructure management including work orders, labor distribution and GIS mapping. Among the programs investigated to date are City Works, Beehive Industries, Facility Dude, Asset Works and Tyler Technologies. One key component required by the department in this search is the ability to manipulate data from various domains so it can be queried and integrated into reports that capture operational costs.

Professional Development

Maintenance Workers Justin Anderson and Ken Gray attended an ODOT sponsored LTAP class entitled Work Type 57- Concrete Sealer.

Maintenance Workers Justin Anderson and Shaun Bush attended LTAP's Traffic Sign Retro-reflectivity class held at ODOT Central Office.

Maintenance employee Jordan Gambill enrolled in an extensive class on Microsoft Excel through C-Tech. This online class will run for a period of weeks and include various assignments as well as testing.

The APWA North American Snow Conference was held in Hartford, Connecticut this year and attended by department supervisors Steve Kidwell and Eric Umbleby.

Pavement Preservation, another LTAP class, was attended by service employees Brent Rush, Brian Strayer, Brian Walkenspaw and Doug Wittman.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

May 2016

APWA Sponsored Calibration Cruise-In Event

Fleet Supervisor Eric Umbleby and Operations Manager Brian Strayer are working with the Central Ohio APWA chapter to sponsor and develop a training opportunity for public sector mechanics to learn salt conservation through proper calibration and maintenance of snow removal equipment. By performing proper routine maintenance and adhering to best management practices, reductions in road salt usage can be achieved by snow equipment operators. The event will be held at the public service department in September and involve equipment manufacturer representatives giving hands on lessons to those in attendance. Benefits of road salt reduction is not only cost savings to the cities, counties and townships, but also reduction in pollution in our rivers and streams.

New Albany Street Improvement Project

Plans and specifications were advertised and bids opened for New Albany's annual Street Improvement Project which includes work such as pavement overlays, crack sealing, curb repair, asphalt patching and microsurfacing. The city received three proposals from local contractors, however the lowest and best bid came from the Strawser Paving Company from Columbus, Ohio with a base bid price of \$832,864. This was well below the city engineer's estimate of \$940,000.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

May 2016

Beech Road 2 Million Gallon Water Tank

- The interior walls of the tank have been framed, insulated, drywalled and painted.
- Final site work has started with grading, driveway installation and temporary fence removal.
- The water tank is scheduled for June 2016 operation.



A view of the Beech Road Water Tank looking north from Beech Road.

Johnstown Road Water Tank Repainting

- The construction contract was awarded to Central Painting & Sandblasting at a base bid price of \$396,200.
- Work includes painting both the interior tank bowl and exterior building surfaces.
- Construction schedule is June 2016 to August 2016.



Current photo of Johnstown Road Water Tank before painting.

Forest Drive to Zarley Street Connector Road

- Construction contractor is Nickolas Savko & Sons.
- Project began in November with earth moving work, storm water controls and cutting in the roadway.
- Installation of storm sewers and water line is completed. Curbs and roadway based are complete.



New Via Tessora Road looking north with curb and road based completed.

Beech Road Tank Sanitary Lift Station

- The construction contract was awarded to BK Layer, LLC at a bid price of \$79,775
- Work includes the installation of a sanitary lift station and force main for the Beech Rd. Tank building.
- The project was started and completed in May.



Electrical control panel for Beech Road Tank Sanitary Lift Station.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS May 2016

New Albany Safety Town saw major improvements this year with the installation of a roundabout intersection and cul-de-sac road. Crew members completed the final touches with painting the building trim and soffits and installing sod at the road improvements islands. The program will benefit from safety lessons learned by the kids on how to navigate roundabout traffic circles and driving the correct direction through one way cul-de-sacs.



A new cul-de-sac and roundabout were added to Safety Town this year.

Maintenance employees Steve Kidwell, Chad Bauman and Ken Gray removed the dead tree and roots in the green space fronting the off-season storage building to make way for a new tree. A King Crimson red maple was selected as a replacement tree based on its beautiful fall colors and fast pace growth. This area is a focal point during the departments Touch-A-Truck event, where children and parents come for food and drinks.



Service crews install a replacement tree near the off-season storage building.

The service department received delivery of its two replacement dump trucks from Freightliner. Based on hours of use, maintenance expenses and physical condition the city's 1999 and 2001 International dump trucks were ready for replacement. Snow plow trucks play a vital role in providing high quality of services to the community through maintaining roads free from snow and ice, thus keeping streets open and traffic moving.



Two replacement plow trucks are delivered to the public service department.

A hollow tree was discovered on the city's Bevelhymer property, adjacent to the service facility, and based on safety reasons it was determined removal was necessary. During the removal process a massive bee hive nest was found thriving inside the tree. Before tree removal could continue, the city scheduled bee keeper Mike Albaugh to capture the bees. Using a vacuum system, Mike collected the unharmed bees and relocated them to his private hive for future honey production.



An active bee hive found inside a hollow tree near service facility is relocated.

SEASONAL STATISTICS May 2016

