



Public Service Department

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Quality

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

January 2018

SWACO Consortium Request for Information Web Meeting

SWACO has been working closely with their legal counsel over the past few months to develop a Request for Information (RFI) that will be released in early 2018 to trash hauling vendors. The purpose of this RFI is to gain knowledge from hauling industry representatives that will allow SWACO to make strategic improvements to the city's consortium program based on the information received. SWACO's goal is to make the consortium as competitive as possible while maintaining quality services at the lowest potential costs for its district communities. Consortium members participated in a brief web meeting to go over the RFI that will be distributed to trash haulers.

Village Center Traffic Signal Study

The service director and members from the development department met with Dave Samuelson of E.P. Ferris to discuss the operation of the traffic signals located within Village Center. With increased traffic flow and new traffic patterns, congestions and vehicular back-ups are occurring more frequently during the morning and evening hours of the weekday. After obtaining traffic counts and evaluating the operation of the signal equipment, the city traffic engineer will analyze the issues and provide a recommendation. This work is expected to be completed by mid-June.

Worthington Road/Beech Road Lift Station

In response to current commercial development in the area of the Worthington Road and Beech Road, the city is installing additional sanitary lines and a lift station to accommodate new capacity demands for sanitary sewer service. To prepare the service department for maintenance responsibilities for the new sanitary lift station the director held a meeting with the project engineer from EMHT, city development engineer and staff with public service. Points of discussion included access to the lift station, routine maintenance of equipment and power backup. The lift station is expected to be in operation by mid-May.

BWC Safety Training

Staff training for cold stress awareness and working in cold weather was held on January 17, 2018 for to review important strategies. Tips include scheduling the heavy work during the warmest part of the day, pair staff members on projects to monitor each other for signs of cold stress, take frequent breaks in warm, dry areas. Staying hydrated is also important, especially with warm sweet beverages. If a coworker shows signs of cold-related stress or injuries, it is critical to get to a warm environment.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES **January 2018**

2018 New Albany Street Improvement Program

The city street improvement project is an annual program where repair, replacement and preventative maintenance work is performed on the city's roadway system. Items such as crack sealing, asphalt patch repairs, curb replacement, street repaving and handicap sidewalk ramp improvements are performed. Using a pavement condition rating system, combined with field inspections, streets are inspected annually and ranked based on their condition ranging from very good to poor. Based on information gathered and available funding a list of street improvement work is determined and placed in a formal document for construction bidding. Currently, final evaluations are being performed to determine what streets, curb ramps and sidewalks will be worked on this year. Approval to bid the project is expected to be presented to city council on March 6, 2018.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS January 2018

Johnstown Rd. & Greensward/Lampton Roundabout

- Construction contract was awarded to N.M. Savko & Sons at a bid price of \$1,528,988.
- Work includes storm sewers, curbs, street lighting, roundabout traffic intersection and landscaping.
- Construction schedule is June 2017 to Dec. 2017.



A view looking west at the roundabout connection to Greensward Road.

2017 City Street Improvement Project

- The construction contract was awarded to Decker Construction at a bid price of \$530,855.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- Construction schedule is May 2017 to August 2017.



New pavement striping was performed on Kitzmiller Rd. at Dublin-Granville Rd.

Beech Road Leisure Trail Connection

- The city contracted with the Strawser Construction Company to install a trail connection on Beech Rd.
- The 8ft path provides connectivity from Jug St. to Smith's Mill Rd. North.
- Work was performed in September at a cost of \$33,500.

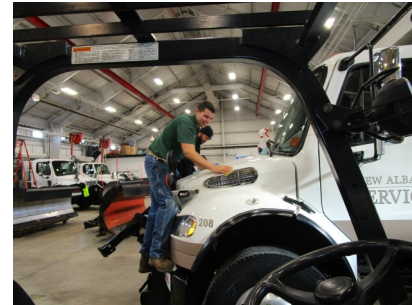


A new leisure trail was installed in front of the Beech Road Water Tower.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

January 2018

Crew members Justin Anderson and Tyler Ashcraft work to clean truck 208 after a recent snow event. Routine servicing of vehicles and cleaning salt and de-icing materials from the body and underneath parts of each plow truck is a critical part of the service department operations. By performing preventative maintenance and regular cleaning, the service life of city equipment can be prolonged.



Keeping the trucks clean extends vehicle service life to the community.

Maintenance Worker Chase Loughman is a new service department staff member who began his employment with the city in January. Chase is working alongside Seasonal Worker Zack Farley to fill potholes located on Dublin-Granville Road. Constant low to high temperature cycles during winter cause weak areas in the road pavement to fail causing cracks, depressions and then potholes.



Filling potholes is not uncommon after low to high temperature swings.

Seasonal arborists Mike Sonnenberg and Aaron Noblet joined the public service on January 5, 2018 to assist the city forester with winter project work. The team has been working on the city's street tree inventory; identifying tree specie, diameter, height, and health condition of each tree. In this photo they are performing in-house training for maintenance crew members on safe bucking and felling procedures for chainsaw usage.



City forester provides service crew member training on chainsaw usage.

Each year the Plain Township Fire Department utilizes the frozen pond located at the public service department for training exercises and emergency rescue practice. First responders immerse themselves in the frigid water and utilize an inflatable boat to rescue each other. A pulley system is set up from two sides of the edge of the pond to pull the boat to shore, assisting in the rescue efforts.



PTFD conducted ice rescue training at the public service department pond.

SEASONAL STATISTICS January 2018

