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# Public Service Department

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### February 2019

#### **Ohio EPA Early Stakeholder Meeting**

The director and operations manager attended a public meeting with representatives from the Ohio EPA to discuss potential changes to the Ohio NPDES MS4 General Permit for the new cycle period. Current municipal permits will expire in September of 2019. This was an opportunity for local stakeholders to provide input on proposed changes. Through the month of March, the EPA will conduct several outreach meetings within several Ohio regions and develop a draft updated general permit. In April, the draft general permit will be advertised to the public for a 52-day period to gather comments. The information gathered will be reviewed and a final renewal permit will be developed by the Ohio EPA and issued to municipalities in July.

#### **Public Service Facility Addition**

The city is evaluating the possibility of utilizing Sourcewell cooperative contracts for the building addition proposed for the public service garage. As a service cooperative, Sourcewell is a government unit of the State of Minnesota and for over 40 years has been a pioneer and leader in cooperative purchasing. Working with Gordian, a company who administers the Sourcewell cooperative construction contracts, the director has interviewed a select group of general contractors experienced with constructing pre-engineered metal buildings. After a thorough review, Regency Construction Services was selected to provide a bid proposal utilizing the Sourcewell cooperative pricing for job order contracts. Regency has offices in Columbus and Brook Park, Ohio and been in business since 1994. The city's project architect and engineer has met on-site with Regency's construction team to go over the plans and specifications for the building addition. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in March to review the developed costs for the building project.

#### **Professional Development**

The Public Service Director Mark Nemecek and Engineering Technician Brian Walkenspaw attended a construction seminar sponsored by the Central Ohio Branch of the APWA. Topics included: Root causes of concrete failures, Concrete repairs, Protection of concrete, Roller compacted concrete, Equipment for RCC installation, Concrete pavement software known as "Pavement Designer" and Cold weather concrete.

## PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES February 2019

### **Harlem Road South Improvements**

In early 2018, New Albany resident Monique Britton reached out to the city regarding the condition of south Harlem Road and asked to meet with city representatives to discuss a request for improvements. The director and operations manager met with Mrs. Britton and shared the results of a 2016 survey that was conducted with residents of Harlem Road about their interest for road and leisure trail improvements and openness to dedicating needed right-of-way. A letter and survey was sent to fifteen property owners on Harlem Road between James River Road and Johnstown Road. The results of the survey concluded that not enough residents were in favor of improvements occurring. In discussions with Mrs. Britton, she updated the director regarding increased interest by residents for improvements to Harlem Road. Mrs. Britton went door-to-door and spoke with many property owners and the majority spoke in favor of dedicating right-of-way for the project. Therefore, the city agreed to re-survey the residents and determine the actual number of property owners in favor of roadway, drainage and leisure trail improvements.

The follow up survey was conducted in October of 2018 and the results did show a greater increase in resident participation in the project. Therefore, the city has committed to perform survey work and develop a preliminary plan detailing the improvements proposed for Harlem Road. The city engineer, E.P. Ferris and Associates, are scheduled to complete the field survey in May. A preliminary plan will be drafted and shared with the residents by July. If the feedback from the residents is positive, then city staff will present this information to city council for consideration as a possible capital project for 2020.

# CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## February 2019

### 2018 City Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Decker Construction was the low bid contractor for performing sidewalk replacement as part of the city street improvement project at a cost of \$263,226.
- Upper Fenway and North of Woods were targeted for the improvement work.
- Sidewalk improvements began in July and were completed in September.



### 2018 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder was Decker Construction at a base bid price of \$911,909.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- Construction schedule was July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.



### Market Street - Traffic Visibility Improvement Project

- Decker Construction was the low bid contractor for removing the existing concrete curb and asphalt parking spots at Market Street at a cost of \$13,772.
- The tree lawn area was expanded, where previous parking spots were, and new concrete curb added.
- Work improves the sight visibility on Keswick Commons and was completed by September.



## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS February 2019

### Improvements to Crosswalk Sign at Roundabout

Maintenance Supervisor Doug Wittman and his crew made adjustments to one crosswalk sign at the Main and Market Street Roundabout. The city is testing whether an amber indicator light installed on the back of the crosswalk sign will alert pedestrians. When the crosswalk button is pushed, the sign flashing lights are activated before crossing the road. The indicator light will flash for roughly one minute after activation.



New amber indicator light on the back side of the Market/Main Ped Crossing sign.

### Public Service Driveway Tree Staking

During a break in the winter weather, Maintenance Workers Tyler Myers and Ian Hurst installed stakes to help support newly planted trees along the service department driveway entrances. Several strong wind storms shifted the trees out of their up-right positions.



Staking trees at the service dept. driveway.

### Testing Snow Removal Equipment for Trails

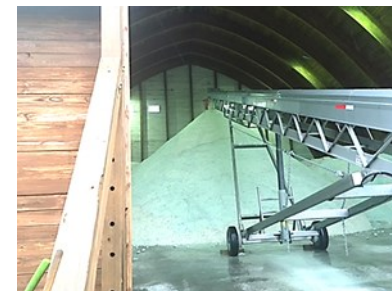
At the request of city council, the public service department is evaluating equipment for effectiveness with clearing snow from leisure trails. Ventrac is an Ohio manufacturer of small tractors designed for snow removal and grounds maintenance use. For snow removal, the Ventrac tractor would be equipped with an enclosed cab, rotating broom, snow blade and salt drop spreader.



Supervisor Doug Wittman tests out a Ventrac 4500 tractor for trail snow removal.

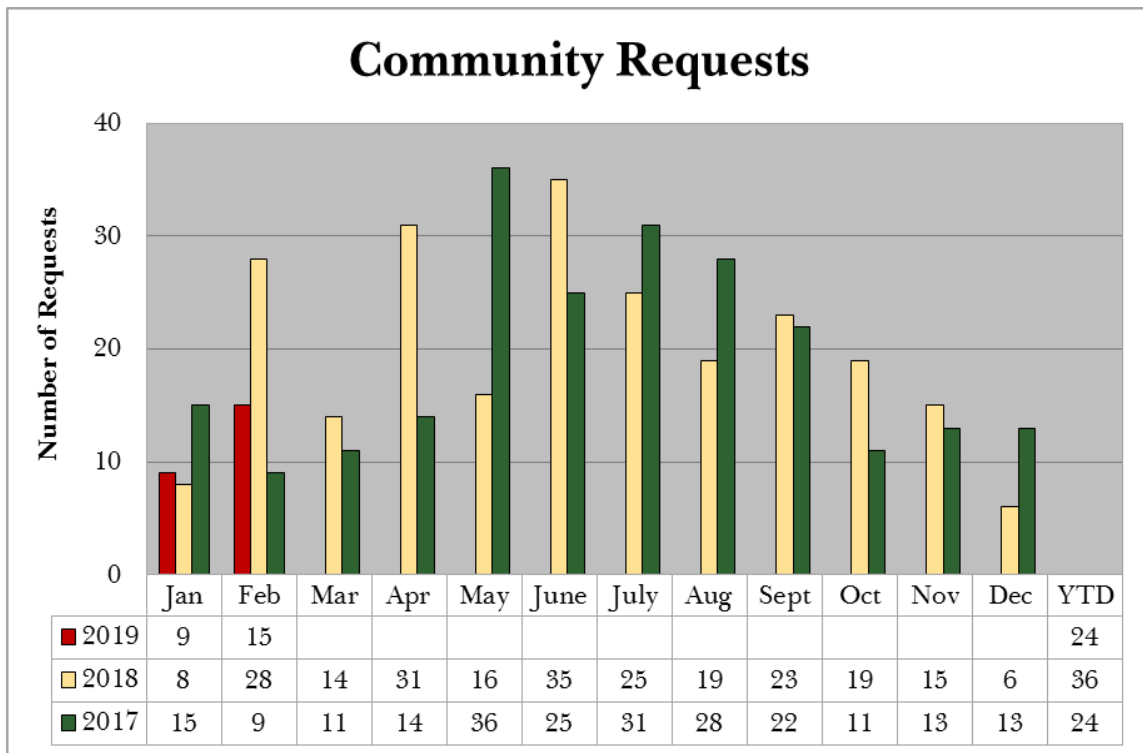
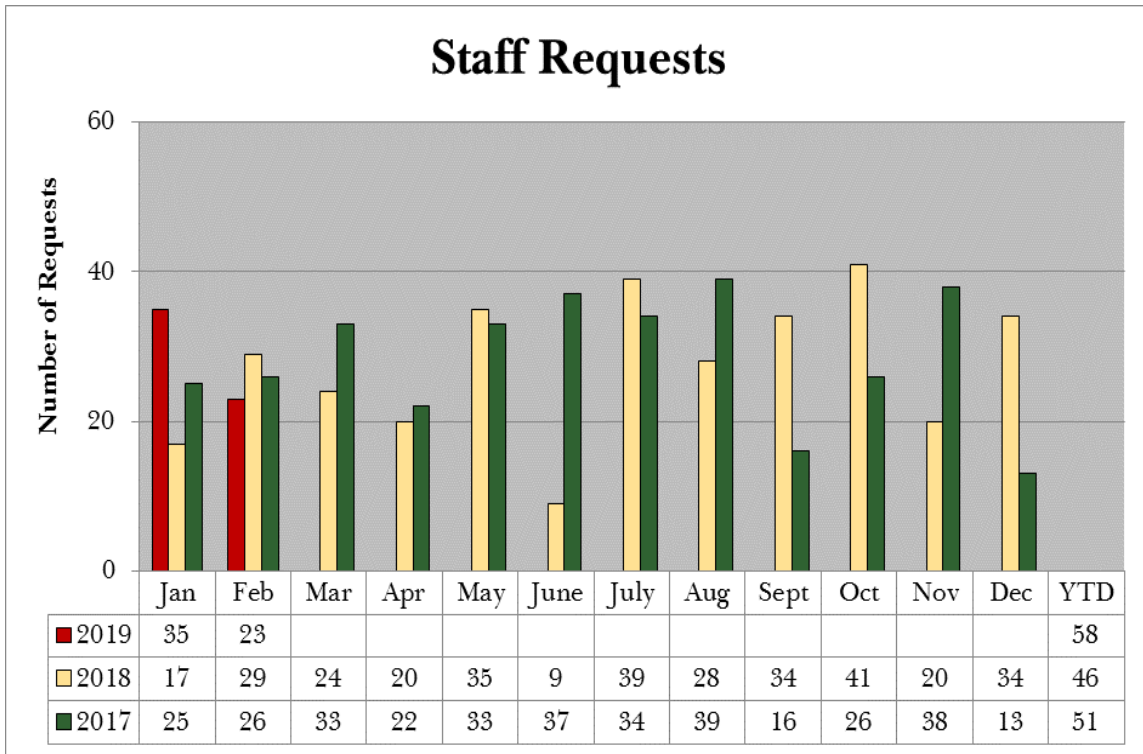
### Franklin County Engineer Salt Conveyor

Each Winter, the public service department renews its partnership with the Franklin County Engineer's Office for utilization of road salt and salt brine materials. Recently, the county purchased a material conveyor to assist in loading salt in their facility storage barns throughout Franklin County. Additionally, the new conveyor was used at New Albany's Salt Barn to pile approximately 1,000 tons of salt.



County Engineer's material conveyor used for piling salt in New Albany's Barn.

## REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS February 2019



## SEASONAL STATISTICS February 2019

