

**MAYOR'S REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2013**

**FIRE STATION ASSESSMENT REPORT**

In June 2013, the City authorized MS Consultants, Inc. to prepare a Facility Assessment Study for a new main Fire Station in the City. The assessment was presented to City Council on October 2, 2013. The assessment includes the results of meetings with the Fire Chief and City Officials regarding the spatial requirements needed for the facility. A proposed floor plan was prepared and the assessment looked at four different sites within the City on which the Fire Station could be placed and each site was evaluated for proposed cost. The assessment results indicate that the new station would encompass approximately 7,300 gross square feet including two garage bays, administrative areas and living areas for staff. The project cost for the new station is estimated at approximately \$1,700,000. The sites selected for review included the following:

- The existing Fire Station site on Elm Street.
- The existing Church property at Elm Street and Elm Court near Garfield Street.
- The City owned property at the northeast corner of Elm Street and Garfield Street.
- The City owned property at the intersection of Stewart Street and Elm Street.

Initial responses to the station assessment indicates that there is much support for the new station to be located at the City owned property at the intersection of Stewart Street and Elm Street. This would allow a more campus-like setting for the Fire Department, Road Department, Police Department, and the City Hall activities. The City Administration and Elected Officials will continue to discuss the results of the assessment to determine the station location and funding alternatives.

**STATE STREET PARKING AREA**

In June 2013, the City authorized MS Consultants, Inc. to prepare a proposed conceptual plan for an off-street parking area on State Street in the City's Downtown area. This plan was presented to City Council on October 2, 2013. This project is a continued effort of the City Administration and City Council to revitalize the downtown area and preserve businesses and enhance economic development. This project is to be funded using a grant of approximately \$70,000.00 from the Ohio Development Services Agency and an additional \$80,000.00 from the City's Revolving Loan Fund. It is anticipated that no General Fund monies will be used for this project. The City will receive approval of the grant funds in October 2013 and the project and the construction of the project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014. The conceptual plan for the parking area is on display at the mayor's office in City Hall.

**CITY ROADWAY CONDITION RATING ANALYSIS**

In June 2013, the City authorized MS consultants, Inc. to perform a city-wide roadway condition rating analysis for all streets within the City. The roadways were grouped and evaluated by pavement type – asphalt, concrete, and brick. A total of eight different surface deficiencies were evaluated for each

street. These deficiencies were used to provide a Condition Rating and remaining Useful Life of the pavement surface. In evaluating the results, 142 asphalt streets were evaluated and it was determined that 78 of those streets, or 55%, will be in need of resurfacing within the next 4 years. Forty-Four of those 78 streets (56%) will need resurfacing within the next 1 to 2 years. The analysis is contained on tables for easy review of the roadway condition and is on display at the mayor's office in City Hall. City Council will continue to discuss the results of the pavement condition rating analysis to determine the funding alternatives available to the City to resurface the streets to City standards.

### **RIBBON CUTTING – TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

In conjunction with Mahoning County, Mill Creek Metro Parks and the City of Struthers the ribbon cutting ceremony for this project will be **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** and representatives from all of the above will be present.

The bridge upgrades, park lookout and the new bridge that was damaged by a storm last year will be unveiled. The City of Struthers contributed sidewalks, and the new banner arms attached to the new light poles that will be displayed for every season.

The grant for this project was due to the teamwork of Mahoning County, Mill Creek Metro Parks and the City of Struthers and we are very excited and happy with the results; it has given our downtown area a new and astounding appearance.

### **BOB CENE WAY LIGHTING PROJECT**

Bids were received and opened at Mayor Bill Vansuch's Office in the City of Campbell on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at noon and Cornerstone Electric was the lowest bidder. As mentioned in my last report; this project is for the construction of roadway safety lighting along Bob Cene Way from the Cene Park Parking Lot west along Bob Cene Way, then across the Low Level Bridge over the Mahoning River, then west along Casey Drive. A total of 15 lights will be installed and it is anticipated this project will be completed by the end of this year.

### **HALLOWEN HOURS**

Halloween hours will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 5 PM and 7 PM. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Respectfully Submitted:

Mayor Terry Stocker

