

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.  
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bell, Canton, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Berger

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Police Chief Rizzo, Street Commissioner Alder, Solicitor Matheney, Engineer Haibach

**VISITORS:** Family of Patrol Officer Malik Meziane

The Mayor called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer read the roll. **Porter made a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes of December 11, 2023, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2023, Special Council meeting, seconded by Porter. Bell noted that he did not attend the luncheon and requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect this. Voice vote – ayes, Porter, Berger, Canton, Cavanagh, and Galicki. Bell abstained. Motion carried.**

**VISITORS:** The Chief advised that Patrol Officer Malik Meziane, who is currently a part-time Patrol Officer with the Village, would be taking the open full-time position. Canton made a motion that Council vote and approve the full-time status Police Officer Malik Meziane, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. The Mayor administered the oath to Meziane.

**MAYOR’S REPORT: Porter made a motion to acknowledge receipt and review of Council Rules, Chapter 220 of the Codified Ordinances, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

The Mayor addressed committee assignments. He said he made a mistake in assigning Bell and Berger to the same three committees, but suggested Council approve them so that they can get started and they could make some adjustments later. The Mayor provided the following assignments:

Building Committee – Canton and Porter  
Finance Committee – Berger and Bell  
HR Committee – Cavanagh and Galicki  
Properties Committee – Cavanagh and Canton  
Public Utilities Committee – Porter and Galicki  
Safety Committee – Bell and Berger  
Streets Committee – Bell and Berger

He requested a motion. The Solicitor advised that with regard to the HR Committee, Councilman Galicki was the only Council member who had a spouse or family member employed by the Village and suggested this assignment be reconsidered. She wondered if the mistakes in committee assignments could just be corrected at the current meeting. Galicki stated that he had wondered about the assignment in light of the fact that for every vote that had come up that dealt with employees, he had always sought the Solicitor’s guidance on whether he should recuse himself. The standard answer had been that if it dealt with issues that affect all employees, he could vote. If it only pertained to his

wife, he should not. He wondered whether this would apply to the committee where matters would primarily deal with all employees. The Solicitor explained that there was still the issue that if he, as a committee member, had to recuse himself from the meeting, there would be no committee meeting.

Given all of the issues, Galicki asked the Mayor if he still wanted to proceed or keep everything in place until the assignments were adjusted. The Solicitor advised there were four committees that would need to be adjusted. The Mayor proposed approving six of the seven committees knowing they may make adjustments. He speculated that Berger and Bell might say they want all three, but he did not think this was good. The Solicitor advised that they should be careful because with the two Council members on all three committees, there was a question of whether they could talk about finance at a Streets Committee or public utilities meeting, etc. It is an issue of the majority and Sunshine notice. The Fiscal Officer advised that every meeting they had would have to be scheduled as all three committees in case they crossed conversations. Cavanagh suggested holding the matter in abeyance until the next meeting. Porter suggested keeping the current 2023 assignments until the next meeting. Canton raised the issue of committee meetings that had already been set up. The Fiscal Officer advised that nothing had been Sunshined because the committees had not been approved. Discussion followed regarding committee meeting schedules and Canton proposed that the Building Committee would meet Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Safety Committee would meet Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Porter suggested that the Streets Committee would hold its meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024. Cavanagh stated that Properties Committee would meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Porter proposed that the Public Utilities Committee would meet Friday, January 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The Fiscal Officer advised that the Finance Committee would be meeting with the county Automatic Data Processing (ADP) staff on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Cavanagh made a motion to keep the 2023 committees the same for the next two weeks until decisions are made on who get put where, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**Canton nominated Mark Porter as President Pro Tem for Council, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

The Mayor referred to the 2024 Village Directory that was distributed to Council and noted that his term should be changed to 24-27 as he had been reelected.

The Mayor reviewed his State of the Village 2024 report which was distributed, (Attachment 1).

**Bell made a motion to appoint Mike Mulloy to a four-term to the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**Porter made a motion to appoint Greg Bruhn to a six-year term to the Planning Commission, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**FISCAL OFFICER:** The Fiscal Officer distributed her report. The year-end financials should be ready for the next meeting. Amendments to the budget can be made after the County certifies the year-end balances. Porter noted that the Village is in better shape this year than last year and previous years with Income Taxes. The Fiscal Officer concurred.

The Fiscal Officer let Council know that a Regular Council meeting is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>, which is Memorial Day. In past years, the meeting date has been changed to Tuesday. Officials may want to consider making a change.

The Fiscal Officer reported that plaques had been ordered for benches and trees in the park dating back to May, but had not yet been received. Contact with the current vendor revealed that the business they use to create the custom plaques had ceased to communicate with them about the orders. They understand that the Village would need to cancel the orders. A new vendor was located.

Regarding plans for the solar eclipse, the Fiscal Officer suggested looking into purchasing solar eclipse glasses since they are difficult to get. Cavanagh advised that the library was offering eclipse activities. The Mayor said he had received no feedback from his request through the newsletter for suggested activities. He would be going out to the county if they were doing a nice activity. Cavanagh offered that the park district advertised a huge event as well. The Mayor concurred.

The Mayor noted that the Village is up \$114,000 in Income Tax collections over last year and asked if the Fiscal Officer expected to be up more in the future. The Fiscal Officer said it was hard to tell and cautioned that they should be conservative because people are starting to be required to go back to work. As those people return to the office, the Village will be impacted. Additionally, the Village will be affected by some of the laws passed last year regarding the permissible amount of penalties and interest regarding Income Tax.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Galicki had nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR:** The Solicitor has been tracking the legislation pertaining to the inclusion of Villages in the new competitive bidding threshold of \$75,000. It is pending the Governor's signature. This amount will increase by 3% yearly.

Regarding the recreational marijuana moratorium, she has seen many municipalities adopting moratoriums ranging from 6 months to 365 days to prohibiting the application process at this point so that municipalities have time to think of regulations that might be needed.

The Solicitor distributed a proposed ordinance authorizing the agreement with CT Consultants, which she had received late in the day. The changes include the term, elimination of the section pertaining to MS4 reporting, and the numbers changed.

Regarding the Mayor's statement earlier about the streamlining of the park pavilion process, she asked if this would be going to the Building Committee to discuss. The Mayor concurred. The Solicitor reminded the Mayor that it would need to be recommended to Council because it must be done by ordinance.

Cavanagh asked the Solicitor for clarification about prohibiting licensing for recreational marijuana. The Solicitor explained that the issue passed November 7<sup>th</sup> and went into effect 30 days after. The actual regulatory and bureaucracy with doing the licenses will not be created until August. The Village can have a moratorium for as long as it likes, and can lift it whenever it wanted, or could outright prohibit it. The moratorium was more along the lines of addressing the submission of applications right now, which the Village would have to consider. It is putting a stay on everything until the Village decides what it wants to do. She added that the State Legislature is still going through changes relating to this and did not know if Council wanted to get this into effect, perhaps having it introduced at the next Council meeting. Porter verified that they should have an ordinance drafted for this purpose for a one-year moratorium. Cavanagh concurred. Porter said Council would not want to get into this until the State had the bureaucracy set up. However, if there was no machinery to make it happen on the State level, the Village would be in a hard place if someone actually applied during this time. The Mayor suggested putting it on the agenda for the Safety Committee to address at the next

Council meeting. Porter commented that the Village had not received any inquiries, and the Solicitor responded that it had just received an inquiry as to a possible purchase of property for a dispensary.

**ENGINEER:** The Engineer reported that the Street Commissioner passed along an H2Ohio grant application for review. The purpose of the grant is to distribute road salt more efficiently on road surfaces so that over salting does not occur. Each applicant is offered a maximum of \$75,000 for the purposes of more efficiently using road salt distribution. It included language about salt storage facilities, and they thought maybe it would be possible to leverage some money for the salt dome. However, after speaking to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) it became clear it would not be applicable for the salt dome. The caveat in the grant application was for preventing ground water contamination resulting from a salt storage building. If contamination of surrounding wells from salt storage was documented, they would consider grant money to seal the foundation of the salt storage facility to prevent the salt from leaching out and contaminating ground water.

Galicki asked the Engineer if he knew the reason why the water was not potable for the Village campus but the Engineer did not know. Galicki asked if it was potentially the result of the salt storage or some other form of contamination. There was discussion of how long ago this was determined. The Mayor proposed having Public Utilities explore this, and Galicki suggested asking the county to test the water to determine the source of contamination and why the water was not potable. The Engineer suspected the county may also have well records for the Village. The Street Commissioner advised that the same well supplies water to Village Hall and the Service Garage. Porter stated that Public Utilities would investigate having the wells tested.

**STREET COMMISSIONER:** The Street Commissioner submitted his month end report for December 2023. Additionally, he obtained a quote for the park restroom, which he submitted to the Properties Committee. He also reported that the quote for the Fairview Rd. stormwater project came in considerably higher than expected. The project has been stopped and it will be bid out in the spring. Regarding the park drainage work, it seems to be working well as there were no puddles and no standing water.

Bell noted that the H2Ohio grant would not work for the salt dome but wondered whether it could for other Village equipment. The Street Commissioner said that only one truck still had manual controls while the other three were automatic.

Porter asked the Street Commissioner to comment on the status of the 500 Manor Brook project. The Street Commissioner said he was still unclear about the terms of the easement, whether it was a matter of the Village maintaining it and keeping it clean or would it be the continuous maintenance of it. The Street Commissioner explained that he would want to remove a grate that is over a 24 or 30-inch pipe that would allow the debris to flow through under Manor Brook Dr. and then to the south where it opened up. It would not block anything and would alleviate the problems at 500 Manor Brook Dr. The current problem is that a couple of leaves and sticks in the grate can cause the water to back up and overflow over the lawn and road. The Engineer concurred that removing the grate would prevent small debris from being trapped. Porter suggested discussing it at the Streets Committee meeting.

**STREET COMMITTEE:** Bell made a motion to hold Trash Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with Senior Trash pick up on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Street Commissioner raised the issue of a date for Shredding Day and shared that the company used by the Village increased its prices by \$300. The Mayor proposed October 19<sup>th</sup> for Shredding

Day. The Fiscal Officer advised that this depended on the availability of a shredding company. **Bell made a motion to hold Shredding Day on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., seconded by Porter. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.**

**Bell made a motion to have the 2024 South Russell Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Bell referred to the discussion at the previous Council meeting about Knox Boxes and noted that the requirement for Knox Boxes is in the Fire Code. There will be no need to change anything to implement it. The Fire Department asked that the Village enforce it because it had not been doing so. The Fire Prevention Officer will be handling this. Cavanagh questioned access to the box, and the Police Chief advised the only access is through the Fire Department.

Bell advised that at the next Council meeting, there will be legislation to move funds from Salaries and Benefits over to Other relative to Dagg Inspections Services.

The Building Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department.

**POLICE CHIEF:** The Chief submitted his year-end report. He asked the Safety Committee to consider allowing the Police Department to initiate a search for part-time officers.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Canton reported that the Safety Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Police Department. Canton commended the Chief and Lieutenant for their comprehensive report, which seems to reflect a decrease in activities. The Chief concurred but said the traffic crashes are up 25%. He thought it was distracted drivers on their phones rear ending each other.

The Mayor noted that there was a decrease in Street Department callouts by the police.

**HR COMMITTEE:** Cavanagh reported that the committee had not met since the last Council meeting. She noted that the committee tasking was complete relative to the Employee Handbook. The Fiscal Officer advised that this year, the tasks will involve addressing evaluations and job descriptions. Given the uncertainty of the committee composition, it was uncertain there would be a meeting on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:** Regarding the park restroom, Cavanagh reiterated that it went up in price. Instead of \$88,000 it will now be \$111,000, which is a 25% increase. The Street Commissioner added that this did not reflect the 2024 increase which would occur in the next month or so. Cavanagh raised the question of where the money would come from for this increase. The Fiscal Officer advised the Finance Committee will have to consider it at their upcoming meeting.

The next Properties Committee meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on January 10, 2024.

**PARKS COMMITTEE:** Cavanagh had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE:** Porter stated that the Public Utilities Committee will meet on January 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. They should have a proposal from another potential solar panel vendor. He added that the committee would also address the Village campus water situation and would be discussing easements and ponds.

**Porter made a motion to approve Change Order 2 - Supplemental to Mr. Excavator in the amount of \$23,521.00 for the Manor Brook Stream Restoration Project, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, Bell, Cavanagh, Galicki, and Porter. Canton abstained. Motion carried.**

**Porter made a motion to approve Construction Progress Payment Application No. 4- Supplemental to Mr. Excavator in the amount of \$35,676.39 for the Manor Brook Stream Restoration Project, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, Bell, Cavanagh, Galicki, and Porter. Canton abstained. Motion carried.**

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Canton introduced a resolution expressing the intent to sell personal property not needed for the public use by internet auction through GovDeals and/or eBay and declaring an emergency. Canton made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2024-01**

Porter introduced an ordinance approving the amendment to the term of the contract between the Village of South Russell and Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. for technical assistance of the Village Hall and Park Wetland Remediation, authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract agreement on behalf of the Village and declaring an emergency. Porter made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Bell. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Porter made a motion to adopt, seconded by Cavanagh. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2024-02**

Canton introduced an ordinance awarding the bid of Flock Group, Inc. for the professional services of 12 existing automated license plate reader cameras for law enforcement purposes, approving the 5-year agreement between the Village of South Russell and Flock Group, Inc. in the total amount of \$150,000.00, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute the 5-year agreement, and declaring an emergency. Canton made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2024-03**

Prior to introducing the legislation concerning the agreement with Gallagher Architects, Inc., Bell asked what the not to exceed amount should be. The Fiscal Officer spoke to the Building Department Administrative Assistant who explained that construction deposits are collected and fees like the plan reviews are taken out of it. They are usually a couple hundred dollars. She understood that there was concern about potentially charging enough with the construction deposit to cover the plan reviews but was otherwise unclear why a not to exceed amount was necessary. She saw it as a matter of the plan reviewer notifying the Village of an increased amount so that the Village could collect enough with the deposit. Cavanagh clarified that this was a pass-through expense. The Fiscal Officer explained that the Village pays the plan reviewer but is reimbursed through the construction deposit. The Solicitor understood this was a pass-through cost and suggested that the term not to exceed is not the right language. She added that the other issue was that Mr. Gallagher was still working for CT Consultants. The Engineer thought he was retired or would be retiring. The Solicitor was concerned that if he was still employed, did he have an employment contract with CT and were there rules whereby an employee cannot have a side business? The Engineer would make inquiries. The Mayor wanted to get the matter rolling with the legislation. Porter suggested including an average annual amount for the not to exceed section. The Fiscal Officer would have to research this. Porter suggested holding the legislation until the next meeting.

Porter introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. to act as the Village's Engineer for the time period January 1, 2024, retroactively, through December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency. Porter made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Porter made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2024-04**

**BILLS LIST: Galicki made a motion to ratify the bills lists of December 14, 2023, in the amount of \$125,740.95 and December 28, 2023, in the amount of \$28,116.01, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, Bell, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter. Canton abstained.**

**NEW/OTHER:** Canton, Galicki, and Porter had no new business.

The Mayor addressed the matter of setting a deadline for submitting material for the Council packet. The Fiscal Officer explained it would be the Wednesday before the Council meeting. She further stated that exceptions can be made for true emergencies, but the trend was that materials were being submitted on the Monday morning of the Council meetings. Committee meeting scheduling was discussed. **Cavanagh made a motion to set the deadline for submitting Council packet items to 9:00 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. Motion carried.**

Bell referred to the tanker spill that occurred the previous week in Russell Township, and asked the Solicitor if hazardous materials could be restricted on Chillicothe Rd. in South Russell. He thought there could be no such restriction since it is a State Route and the Solicitor concurred.

Cavanagh reported she would be absent from the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Porter made a motion that Councilwoman Cavanagh be excused from the February 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, seconded by Galick. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**Canton made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. to confer with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation involving the Village pursuant to 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code and to invite into Executive Session the Mayor, Solicitor, Fiscal Officer, and the Police Chief, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**Council reconvened at 8:28 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being that there was no further business before Council Cavanagh made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

  
William G. Koons, Mayor

  
Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki

## State of the Village 2024

As we begin the year 2024, it is a pleasure to report on the state of the village.

We are four square miles with approximately 4,000 residents residing in 1,400 homes.

The **building department** issued 475 permits for such things as sheds, \$60,000 bathrooms and \$100,000 kitchen remodels. Large remodeling projects or complete teardowns of existing homes occurred.

Changing the position from twenty-five hours a week to 40 hours has allowed us to provide quick and correct service to businesses, contractors and residents. We have also been able to reduce the backlog of paperwork from previous years.

We are fortunate to have not one but two building inspectors on contract to handle inspections and provide advice to residents. Thanks to Laura Heilman for her many years of service. Laura started in the 1990s as an assistant in the building department, became a licensed building official with every license except electrical, left the village for a better position but still served us as an advisor and backup building inspector. Laura's health prevents her from continuing as our backup inspector.

Pavilion rentals dropped from 84 to 74. The process has been streamlined for easier use.

The monthly report to council has also been streamlined. New software implementation went smoothly although slowly. A glitch is occurring with the software as to who owns the property on the report.

We went to Geauga County court on three occasions to enforce our village codes with limited compliance.

Village residents have been eager to help by volunteering to serve on the ARB, BZA, and PC as members or alternates.

Our fire prevention official has inspected every business. He continues to monitor restaurant cleanliness, even holding a hood cleaning at 10 o'clock at night. Working with Chagrin Falls, we will soon require Knox Boxes at building entrances.

**Finance** had an interesting year with money moving in all directions. The October 17<sup>th</sup> announcement of property tax increases caused a quick and correct change in our tax levies for 2024.

As major projects were completed and state reports filed with the Ohio EPA, the state auditor acknowledged our excellent compliance with only two very minor comments.



We made improvements on our budgeting process and the development a five-year plan with work still needed to reduce stress and last-minute planning. The creation of a reserve fund and working with Meeder Investments has helped.

Technology improvements and possible changes continue into this year.

There is a Cyber webinar Thursday at 8 sponsored by the OML.

There is a social media webinar on January 25.

Read the year in review in the CVTimes by Anastasi Nichols about activities in the county concerning technology and ADP.

We were fortunate to find a retired, experienced worker who was trained in both the building and finance departments and also helped with the Centennial Celebration.

**Human Resources** was one of the hardest working committees in 2023 with the handbook revisions. Many hours of diligent work have created a living document we are all proud of. Again, we were fortunate to find a consultant that fit our needs and budget.

The evaluation procedures and forms will be modified during 2024 to meet our needs.

Employment of a grant writer will be explored this month.

We are proud that all employees are taking advantage of our incentive to have a yearly physical.

The Veterans' luncheon and Wreaths Across America participation each celebrated their third year.

We need to review our involvement in NOCCA by participating in their activities.

**Centennial Celebration** activities included a luncheon for volunteers and community groups, a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, jazz concert, Grand Marshal of the Blossom Time Parade, additional newsletters to inform the community about the history of the village, and an eight-page pamphlet about the creation of South Russell.

Our **Property** Committee continues to provide improvements throughout the village.

We added to the village campus by acquiring and razing the corner properties to improve safety and aesthetics.

Our cemeteries need some TLC, especially Rarick.

Scouts and community groups continue to improve our properties with kiosks, flowers, Underground Railroad and Interurban displays.

We acquired the park in 2006. Almost every year we have held an annual fall festival that draws young and old to the event.

Implementation of the park master plan has begun. Drainage and a rain garden were installed to capture and control water flowing through the park. An additional wetland will be created south of the playground as a part of an agreement with the OEPA. Do we want trees to surround the new wetlands?

The Masonic Temple financed a new solar-lighted flagpole, bench and brick walkway on East Washington.

A new restroom should be installed during the upcoming year.

A controlled burn to reduce invasive species is planned.

Modifications are needed in the recent Eagle Scout trail markers.

**Public Utilities** was a huge area of activity. Both the \$300,000 retention basin south of Village Hall and the \$300,000 Manor Brook floodplain worked as designed during a heavy rain. The area of the 319 grant wetlands lost to the retention basin, approximately .22 acre, will be replaced by a wetland south of the playground.

The Manor Brook floodplain received additional improvements requested by the Ohio EPA. Landscaping will be addressed in 2024 with additional trees installed over the newly enlarged culvert installed across Chillicothe to the floodplain.

We have begun planning for water issues behind homes on the eastside of Chillicothe north of the Bel Meadow ditch, and between Fairview and Mapleridge.

Solar panels will be on the agenda for 2024. Location and cost to be determined.

The Hyfi sensor continues to provide data on storm water levels.

The first successful ESID project at Manor Brook will continue into the spring.

The inflow and infiltration into our sewer system will continue to be investigated by GCDWR.

Power a Clean Future Ohio might be joined to help with our energy usage.

We still have over \$16,000 available from NOPEC for an energy project.

Water quality and USGS are on the agenda for this year.

How to work with privately-owned lakes and ponds to control stormwater runoff and water quality will continue to be on the agenda.

**Safety** saw new employees, crosswalks, sidewalks and paths taking much of the year. Our relationship with the Chagrin Schools was increased with the creation of a school security officer.

Chagrin Valley Dispatch continues to grow and expand throughout NE Ohio.

Additional FLOCK cameras are needed.

The successful installation of a new traffic signal and traffic pattern occurred.

Construction on the Chagrin Valley Fire Department building will hopefully begin this year.

**Streets** saw another smooth year of paving some of our 48 miles of roads.

The big news came from NOACA who awarded the village 1.2 million to repave Bell Road and an additional \$800,000 to provide pedestrian access.

Over forty culverts were installed along Chillicothe, Daisy Lane and Woodside to prepare for road paving.

Shredding, trash and yard sale events were successful.

Services continued even when half the employees were away with health issues.

A decision is needed on a salt dome and possible garages for additional vehicles.