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From the Desk of the Administrator

As we now have arrived into the Spring season, I'm still waiting for the warm weather to arrive. I'm still waiting to see who else the Reds Front Office is going to trade/give away for they have pretty much sent everyone packing. I could actually write my whole newsletter on this subject but don't want everyone to suffer.

This month I want to discuss the AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) project the Village is currently undergoing.

The electric meter conversion is now underway with every electric meter in our system. Most of our current meters are getting to the end of their useful life and would have needed to be changed regardless. With the new AMI system all meters will send out a signal to arrive back at the Village Office. This will keep from sending Village workers to read and do read outs saving time to put toward other projects. The new electric meters will send out a reading every 15 minutes, which helps track usage for the customers to see.

With the new AMI system there will also be an app you can download onto your cell phone or computer. This will allow all customers to track their usage and be able to tell when the time of day their usage is highest. Customers will also be able to pay the bills on their phone as well. They will also be able to report an electric outage straight to the Electric Department as well. This will also allow our Electric Department to look at a map and see what meters are out of power and allow them a faster response time to the scene and ability to restore the power faster. The app is not available at this time, but should not be too long before it is live. We will spread the word as soon as we know it is ready.

When the electric meters are all changed out and working properly we will move into the water meter side of the conversion. Most of our current water meters will already work with the new system. Village workers will contact you if your water meter is one that will be needed to be changed out. On the Water side of this system the water meters will send a reading to the Office every hour. This will help on finding water leaks before they get too bad.

The Electric Department currently has 25% of the meters changed and we are hoping to have the switchover completed around May.

We appreciate everyone's patience during our meter switch over to the new AMI system. If anyone has any questions please call the Village Office at 937 596-6314 and we will assist you.

I would like to take time to introduce everyone to our newest employee, Zach Shaffer. Zach was hired in February onto the Street Department. Zach is a graduate of Jackson Center



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High School and brings a wealth of excavation and equipment operations knowledge with him. Please welcome Zach when you see him.

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