

From the Desk of the Administrator

Where has the summer gone? The Shelby County Fair is over, the start of school (August 14th) is only 2 weeks away!!! Yes, I said 2 weeks, 14 days, 336 hours, or 20,160 minutes, however you want to look at it. So, with School starting the last day for the swimming pool this season will be August 12th.

I would like to give everyone an update on Village projects in this edition.

The Village Council decided on a name for the new park by the Water Treatment Plant. Tiger Trail Park was chosen. A sign will now be ordered and installed by the drive into the Park. The walking path is now paved all the way around and is approximately .65 miles a lap. This paving was done in part with a grant from the EPA Scrap Tire grant. I would like to thank Mr. Reichert and the School Board for including the Village in this project. The first soccer season in our new park will be starting August 1.

The Main Street Lighting Project is moving along with the bases for the poles being dug and poured as I write. The project will provide new decorative light poles and LED lights from North St to Cole St. Also new traffic signal poles matching the ones at Airstream Drive. Project is set to be complete by October.

We opened bids on July 26th for the new Substation build. Engineers will be reviewing the bids and get a recommendation to Council to award at the August 13th Council meeting. (BTW: the night before School starts!!) The \$3.2 million project has a completion date of May 31st 2019.

Tee ball fields are complete with the exception of some concrete work and the benches and bleachers being installed. A new storage building will also be added this fall.

Airstream will be breaking ground on August 3rd on their new trailer facility. The Village crews will be extending utilities to the project this fall. This will include water, sewer, storm, and electric. Plans are almost complete and will need to be approved by the State before work begins.

Work will begin in the coming weeks to finish the Hamer St extension to tie into Tiger Trail at the School. This will include additional parking at the new Soccer complex at the School. It will also add a sidewalk from Hamer St to the backlot line of Robb St for the children to walk to School. The sidewalk will be lit with Solar lights obtained from a grant.

The Village signed on with a new natural gas company for it's gas supplier. We will be switching to Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. on Oct. 1st. We signed a 2-year contract for a

fixed cost of \$0.375 per Ccf (100 cubic feet of natural gas). Presently we are supplied by IGS for \$0.44.6 per Ccf. This will be a nice savings for the upcoming cold weather.

In closing I would like to Thank everyone who participated in our Textile Recycling Drive. We collected 11,000 pounds, raised \$550. For the Special Olympics of Ohio, and diverted 11,000 tons of CO2 from our atmosphere. We are planning another drive for later this year. We will let everyone know when we have the dates confirmed.

(Next month: Energy Efficiency)