



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

PROPOSED LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

We submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply for State Revolving Fund to replace all lead and GPCL service lines in the City's water system. The notice of intent is for \$6.5 million dollars and is the first step in the application process. The City is not obligated to follow through with application, but as a severely burdened community, EGLE may offer the city an attractive financial package.

1 & 5 WEST MAIN STREET UPDATE:

Van Buren County Treasurer and County Land Bank secured a Grant from the State Land Bank to stabilize the structure located at 5 West Main Street. The grant is for \$50,000.00 the project includes a new roof and exterior deck/stair replacement.

Lyster Exteriors, Inc. of Kalamazoo is the contractor of record to do the job and should start work anytime.

PFAS PROJECT UPDATE:

Now that we have achieved 50%+ responses from property owners and submitted to EGLE for permitting and are working with the Rail road on a permit also. Wightman is tentatively planning to advertise for bids in December and open bids in January. The conventional word out there is water main materials are taking about 50 weeks after the order is placed. If this continues to hold, the construction may not begin until spring 2024. With that in mind, we are looking at requesting an extension from EGLE to complete the project.

RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE:

As a follow-up to last month's report regarding this project, the paving of the South Parking Lot has been deferred until next year because of the supply line issue. We have removed the trees along Main Street, but the flower boxes will stay until next year to avoid any conflict with plowing the sidewalks. We have also replaced a broken park bench right in front of the City Hall.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

We are still in need of an Operator for our Sewer Plant. We interviewed a candidate for the position; he is presently employed full-time, just looking for a supplemental part-time position. We are going to continue to work with this candidate to buy us some time until we find a permanent replacement for Tom Strand.

POKAGON-HARTFORD AREA LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

The Council will need to appoint my replacement by Resolution at the December Council meeting.