

Happy October! We have had another great month at the City. Here is my update for the month:

- Rebecca Senard will be starting as our Deputy City Clerk and Administrative Assistant on October 23, 2023. At this time, her normal working hours will be noon to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Please help us welcome her to the City!
- Gustavo Medrano will be starting as a full-time Police Officer on or around November 6, 2023. He will be training for several months before he's completely on his own. We believe he will be a wonderful asset to the City.
- The prior City Manager had concerns relating to the Reserve program within the City. I've worked with our insurance company to find out the concerns and get them addressed. At the time of this meeting, I will have met with the Reserve officers to go over the proposed program to get their insight and then should have the final draft ready for Council in November.
- As discussed in a prior Council meeting, in order for an Ordinance Officer to be armed and in uniform, they must be an MCOLES certified police officer. I'll be working with our police department over the next few months to see how we can best meet the City's needs.
- We had a public information meeting with Hartford Township and the County Health Department on October 16, 2023 regarding the water main extension into the Township for the areas affected by PFAS. Very few residents impacted by the project attended. Wightman and the Health Department and Township will continue attempting to provide information to residents about the project. At this time all residents have received three mailings regarding the project and had the opportunity to attend two meetings to ask questions. In addition, representatives from the Township, Health Department and Wightman have gone door to door to try to make contact with any impacted property owners who have not signed up for the program.
- At the time of typing this report, I've read and am ready to execute the City's agreement with SAFEbuilt. I will be signing and returning the contract prior to the October 23, 2023 meeting. By the time of the meeting, I hope to have an effective date as to when they will take over services for the City.
- I've requested an update from Cross Excavating and Demolition for the scheduled demolitions of two properties within the City. Hopefully by the time of the meeting I will have a proposed time frame to share with Council.