



VILLAGE OF PERRYSVILLE

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Dear Fellow Perrysville Resident,

In an effort to maintain good lines of communication with Village residents, I wanted to send notice of our upcoming plans for improvements for our Water & Sanitary Sewer Systems. While we have no urgent needs to address, we recognize that replacement will be needed down the road. And with the opportunities for funding that are above our expectations, we feel this is an excellent opportunity to be forward thinking.

The Board of Public Affairs has begun to work closely with Engineering Associates to investigate the replacement of several Sewer lines, one of our Lift Stations, as well as replacing the underground water storage tanks. Please allow me to share our grant opportunities with you. Due to the economic status of our Village, we qualify for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant. This grant offers up to \$500,000 of project funding, excluding engineering costs. The other opportunity is a grant from OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission). They also offer up to \$500,000 in funding. That is a potential of \$1,000,000 of funding, excluding engineering costs. Tentative cost estimates show that the Village share for these projects is 7.7%, which is almost unheard of. The important piece of this opportunity that I want to share with you is a requirement from the CDBG that we currently don't meet. They require the water/sewer rates be at a certain level and ours currently do not meet them. With that, I am letting you know that that water and sewer rates will be increasing. There will be a flat rate increase this year to meet this requirement. The water minimum rate will increase from \$14.56 to 17.06 and the sewer minimum rate will increase from \$11.50 to 14.00. That is a total of a \$5.00 monthly increase.

The Fiscal Officer has done some research and used a loan calculator to work on some figures to show what we could be paying if we do not receive the grant funding. If we have a \$1,000,000 project, and pay 0% interest (which is not likely) on a 10 year loan, each resident would have to pay an additional \$25.04 a month. That would put the minimum bill at \$51.10. Our efforts to receive grant money is a potential savings of \$20.04 a month per water/sewer bill.

The Perrysville Council will begin on March 1st to pass an Ordinance enacting the \$2.50 increase to the sewer. This Ordinance will be read on three readings: March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd. The Board of Public Affairs will be passing an Ordinance enacting the \$2.50 increase to the water. This Ordinance will be read on three readings: March 24th, April 28th, and May 26th. Please feel free to attend any of these meetings for more information. The increase will then be seen on the June 1st billing.

Please note this is not a fast acting project. With the deadlines for grants and receiving of funds, we are not looking to start the project until, at the earliest, the fall of 2011. The Perrysville Council, The Board of Public Affairs, as well as I, will do everything in our power to keep you informed of our progress and any changes that may take place.

Perrysville Council meets regularly on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Board of Public Affairs meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm. Also, please take advantage of visiting our website, www.villageofperrysville.com where we will also keep residents apprised of information and updates.

Looking toward the future,

Mayor Chris Clady