

CITY OF DOVER, OHIO

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STATE OF THE CITY  
REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING IS A PROGRESS REPORT ON ITEMS AND PROJECTS  
DISCUSSED IN LAST YEARS STATE OF THE CITY REPORT.

THE DOVER LIGHT PLANT BAG HOUSE: - **COMPLETED**

REMOVAL OF BOILERS & TURBINES AT THE DOVER LIGHT  
PLANT: - **COMPLETED**

THE PARK ROAD - **COMPLETED**

THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION -  
NEARING COMPLETION

FOR 2009 WE ROLLING OVER THE FOLLOWING SINKING  
FUNDS.

CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT @ \$ 50,000.00

I WILL BE ASKING FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ALLOW THE  
ADMINISTRATION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS AND/OR  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW  
CITY HALL. THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE AN ASSIGNMENT  
FOR A BUILDING UTILIZATION NEEDS ANALYSIS THAT  
WILL GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH ANY RECOMMENDATION  
GENERATED FROM THE ABOVE PROPOSALS.

LAND ACQUISITION @ \$ 500,000.00

THIS MONEY IS SET ASIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
ACQUIRING LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS THAT WOULD  
BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE CITY TO OWN FOR OUR OWN  
USE.

OHIO AVENUE INTERCHANGE/GUY SMITH WAY @ \$1,000,000.00

ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE NEW INTERCHANGE AT OHIO AVENUE AND I77,  
IS THE NEED FOR THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW  
CONNECTING ROAD BETWEEN OHIO AVENUE AND  
PROGRESS STREET. WE NEED TO HAVE THIS MONEY IN

**HAND TO COORDINATE CONSTRUCTION AT THE SAME TIME ODOT IS CONSTRUCTING THE INTERCHANGE.**

**DEMOLITION ELKS & CEMETERY BUILDINGS @ \$ 50,000.00**

**WE WILL LOOK TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR THESE PROJECTS TO BETTER DETERMINE WHAT FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR THIS LINE ITEM.**

**NEW RESCUE - FUNDED @ \$ 136,923.00**

**THIS IS A SINKING FUND TO REPLACE ONE OF THE TAN FIRE TRUCKS WHICH IS USED AS A RESCUE TRUCK.**

**NEW CEMETERY SECTION - FUNDED @ \$ 20,000.00**

**THIS MONEY IS FOR THE LAYING OUT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SECTION AT THE DOVER BURIAL PARK.**

**PLAYGROUND LANDSCAPING - COMPLETED @ \$ 100,000.00**

**PARK GAZEBO PENDING @ \$ 80,000.00**

**THIS MONEY IS BEING SET ASIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED BICENTENNIAL GAZEBO AT THE DOVER CITY PARK ADJACENT TO THE PARK POND.**

**DEFIBRILLATORS (ADDITIONAL) @ \$ 20,000.00**

**WE PURCHASED 20 DEFIBRILLATORS FOR MANY OF OUR CITY VEHICLES THAT ARE SAFETY SENSITIVE WHICH WILL BENEFIT BY HAVING THEM ON HAND.**

**FORREST RIDGE PROJECT FUNDED @ \$ 114,000.00**

**THIS PROJECT WILL HELP TO DEFRAY THE COST OF REMEDIATING THE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS WE ARE EXPERIENCING ALONG THE REAR PROPERTIES ON FORREST RIDGE DRIVE. THIS COST IS MERELY A GUESTIMATE OF THE PROJECTED COSTS.**

**BELLEVIEW AVENUE STORM SEWER PROJECT @ \$ 600,000.00**

**WE ARE FULLY FINDING THE BELLEVIEW STORM SEWER PROJECT WHICH WILL RELIEVE THE FLOODING PROBLEM EXPERIENCED IN THE AREA OF BELLEVIEW AVENUE.**

<b>GRADER</b>	<b>HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ONE</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>\$ 65,000.00</b>
<b>POOL PAINTING &amp; REPAIRS</b>	<b>FUNDED</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>\$ 67,000.00</b>
<b>MEMORIAL HALL REPAIRS</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>

**THIS MONEY WILL PAY FOR THE REPAIRS NEEDED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER WALL OF MEMORIAL HALL. WATER HAS BEEN ENCROACHING THE REAR WALL AND SEPARATING IT FROM THE BUILDING AND IT NEEDS TO BE REPAIRS WHILE IT STILL CAN BE.**

- 1.) THIS YEAR WE ARE FUNDING OUR STREET PAVING PROGRAM AT A LEVEL WE FEEL IS WITHIN OUR MEANS. THAT BEING SAID, WE HAVE CUT OUR ALLEY PAVING PROGRAM, FOR THIS YEAR, IN ORDER TO CONSERVE TAX DOLLARS.**
- 2.) WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING THE CITY'S FIRE CODES. FOR THE PAST YEAR THE CITY'S ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD HAS BEEN MEETING AND DEVELOPING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES EFFECTING MANY OF DOVER'S NEIGHBORHOODS. ONCE THE BOARD IS AT A POINT WHERE IT FEELS THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED PROPERLY, I WILL BE BRINGING THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS THEY HAVE DRAFTED, ALONG WITH THE VARIOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS THEY ARE RECOMMENDING, TO DOVER CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR REVIEW AND PASSAGE. THIS REVIEW PROCESS WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO GAIN PUBLIC INPUT AND DISCUSSION. THIS INITIATIVE IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS THE PRESERVATION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND NEIGHBORHOODS, AS WELL AS ONE THAT WILL PROVIDE SAFEGUARDS FOR ALL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY.**
- 2.) REGARDING THE WEST OHIO AVENUE/INTERSTATE 77 INTERCHANGE PROJECT. THE PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD AS PLANNED. ODOT HAS COMPLETED LAND ACQUISITION. ENGINEERING HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY DISTRICT 11 ENGINEERS AND WE MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS TO MONITOR PROGRESS. THAT BEING SAID THE BIDDING PROCESS AND**

**AWARDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS HAS BEEN DELAYED BY RJ CORMAN'S FILING OF AN APPEAL AGAINST THE AWARDING OF OUR "AT-GRADE" RAIL CROSSING FOR GUY SMITH WAY. WE HAVE PREVAILED IN BOTH THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS AND THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS.**

**3.) DOVER'S FIBER OPTIC NETWORK**

**WE HAVE RECEIVED 5 PROPOSALS TO COMPLETE THE ENGINEERING PHASE OF THE CITY'S FTTP (FIBER TO THE PREMISE) INITIATIVE. WE HAD A COMMITTEE MEETING LAST TUESDAY, AT WHICH TIME THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO RECOMMEND THE HIRING OF UPTOWN SERVICES, LLC TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 PLUS TRAVEL EXPENSES, AS WAS REPORTED ON EARLIER BY THE COMMITTEE**

- 4.) THE ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANT'S HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY OVER THE PAST YEAR TO KEEP EXPENSES IN CHECK AND STILL MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OR SERVICES OUR RESIDENTS EXPECT. WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN OUR ABILITY TO OFFER THE MOST VALUE FOR THE LEAST EXPENSE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY. WE CONTINUE TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE PROMISES WE MADE THE RESIDENTS WHEN WE ASKED FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN PASSING THE ½% SALES TAX. WE HAVE ADDED PERSONNEL TO BOTH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL THIS YEAR IF AT ALL FEASIBLY POSSIBLE. WE CONTINUE TO UPGRADE EQUIPMENT AS POSSIBLE AND ARE COMMITTED TO PURCHASING THE BEST AND NOT THE CHEAPEST, YET WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE BEST PRICE. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS COMMITMENT AS LONG AS THIS ADMINISTRATION IS IN OFFICE.**

**AS ALWAYS, PART OF THIS STATE OF THE CITY REPORT ARE MY TOP GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR. MANY OF THESE GOALS WERE LISTED, AND DISTRIBUTED DURING OUR LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING, IN THE FORM OF A LIST OF 21 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT. THESE PROJECTS TOTALED \$222,300,000.00 WITH THE CITY'S REQUESTED AMOUNT OF FUNDING AT \$130,300,000.00.**

**SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, I HAVE APPLIED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 PROJECTS TOTALING AN ADDITIONAL \$5,670,000.00, WITH THE CITY**

**REQUESTING FUNDING OF \$3,825,000.00.**

**ALL TOLD, THESE 36 PROJECTS TOTAL \$227,970,000.00, WITH THE CITY'S REQUEST TOTALING \$134,125,000.00.**

**OF THE 36 PROJECTS, THE ONES COMPRISING THE LIST OF MY TOP GOALS FOR THE 2009 YEAR, REGARDLESS OF FEDERAL FUNDING, ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1.) FUNDING FOR OUR FTTP PROJECT**
- 2.) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR GUY SMITH WAY**
- 3.) THE TUSCARAWAS AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**
- 4.) BELLEVUE & WILLS AVENUE STORM SEWER PROJECTS**
- 5.) OXFORD & PROSPECT STREET EXTENSIONS**
- 6.) BEGINNING RENOVATIONS TO THE FORMER BILL HAWK PROPERTY**
- 7.) AS HAS BEEN ON THE LIST FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE FUNDING OF THE EASTERN LOOP OF DOVER'S 69KV LINE**
- 8.) WORK ON THE GOETTGE RUN STORM SEWER**
- 9.) ENLARGING OF THE INDIAN MEADOWS RETENTION POND**
- 10.) RECTIFYING THE DRAINAGE AND STORM SEWER PROBLEMS ON WINKLER DRIVE AND FORREST RIDGE DRIVE**
- 11.) WORK ON THE CALICO DRIVE SANITARY SEWER, COUNTY ROAD 80 LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN, AND THE LINING OF SANITARY SEWERS IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY**
- 12.) REFURBISHING THE WEST WALL OF MEMORIAL HALL & THE RESURFACING OF THE BASKETBALL COURTS AT THE DOVER CITY PARK**
- 13.) THE NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR A NEW DOVER CITY HALL AND THE MOVING FORWARD WITH AN INITIATIVE TO FUND ITS CONSTRUCTION**
- 14.) THE PURCHASE OF THE M & M INDUSTRIAL PARK**
- 15.) CITY-WIDE FACILITIES MONITORING AND SECURITY SYSTEM**

**THESE GOALS ARE QUITE LOFTY, HOWEVER THEY ARE NOT UNREASONABLE. WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO STRONG FISCAL MANAGEMENT MANY OF THESE PROJECTS WILL COME TO FRUITION FOR THE BETTERMENT AND BENEFIT OF THE CITY OF DOVER.**

**ONE FINAL NOTE, OF THE 36 PROJECTS I HAVE APPLIED FOR FUNDING, WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED ON 5 OF THOSE PROJECTS REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT OUR REQUEST FOR THE FUNDING OF OUR FIBER OPTIC INITIATIVE IS BEING REVIEWED AND ONCE THE APPLICABLE FUNDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, WE WILL RECEIVE A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL**

**INFORMATION ON THAT PROJECT.**

**AS ALWAYS, OUR COMMITMENT IS STILL AS STRONG AS EVER TOWARDS OUR BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR TAXPAYERS DOLLARS AS WE CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO OPERATE IN A STRONG FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER. AND EVEN THOUGH THE STATE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IS IN QUESTION, WITH THE PROPER FISCAL RESTRAINT I LOOK FORWARD TO A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR THE CITY OF DOVER.**