

Dear Residents,

The following are updates on several items of interest to the community:

### Water Supply Project

The contractors are finishing up the water line project and soon the line will be supplying water to Essexville directly from the new water plant in Bangor Township. Over all the project went smoothly and without too many surprises. The completion date for the entire project is November 30, 2017. Both DVM and Rhode Brothers did the city an excellent job on this \$5.8 million dollar project. With the group of 14 owners of the new water plant agreeing to work together as one the future for the entire Bay County water system looks very bright. In the near future you will all be getting the details of how this inter-jurisdictional co-operation will greatly benefit all of you in Essexville.

### Sewer Rates

The Sewer Fund has not been operating at the level it should be for several years now and in September, under the managers suggestion, the City Council decided to add an increase of \$10.00 per quarter to each sewer customer in the city. This will help bolster the revenue for this fund. We are not allowed by State law to operate a revenue fund in a deficit. That is we can't allow the expenses to operate the sewer system exceed the revenue it generates so we needed to adjust to revenue. Council will review this fund's performance next September for any anticipated adjustments.

### Fire Truck Replacement

The City has decided to replace its aging fire truck. During the October Council meeting the Council voted unanimously to order a new fire truck. The equipment will be delivered in March of 2018 and we'll have an open house to show it off to all of you.

### Preparation For Winter

As we head into the 2017/2018 winter here's hoping for a repeat of the mild winter like last year. The salt barn is full and the equipment is ready and the DPW men are cleaning up the leaves and cleaning the catch basins in preparation for the snow and freezing weather. Please try to keep your own sidewalks clear of snow and ice and if you're leaving the area for warmer climates don't forget to make arrangements for shoveling while gone.

### Gateway Place Development

The developer of Gateway Place, Ron Shorkey, has completed the development of this property by building the last two condos. This development has added some beautiful housing to our area. Lastly I want to wish all of you the best of holidays and a great 2018 to come! It's been a pleasure serving the people of Essexville as your Public Works Director and Manager for the last 10 plus years and I look forward to the future with all of you in this great community!

Thanks!  
Dan Hansford