

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
March 10, 2025 Council Meeting

1. Dispatch Services Agreement Renewal, GOTL: (on tonight's Agenda) As reported last meeting, the three (3) year Dispatch Services Agreement with the Village of GOTL is expiring at the end of April, 2025. Both the City and the Village are in agreement that the service provided by the City is mutually beneficial and both sides would like to extend the agreement an additional three (3) years (May 2025 - April 2028). A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into the three (3) year renewal agreement is on tonight's agenda.
  
2. Street Department Updates: The following are updates of Street Dept. activities:
  - a. A listing of 2024 streets paved and chip fog sealed is enclosed from Mr. Bittner. A list for 2025 will be compiled in the Spring.
  - b. W. Liberty repairs (between 534 and the bridge)- Due to excessive degradation, we are planning to make needed repairs on this road. 60-T of aggregate is being delivered to the site soon. The repair will be paved in the Spring.
  - c. Traffic Light at 84 & Sherman- We're having issues with this light automatically turning to flash. We're actively working to correct this issue.
  - d. Traffic Light at 84 & 534- The loop-sensor has been installed, thought it still needs an adjustment, which will be completed by the vendor.
  
3. Yard Waste Disposal Agreement Renewal 2025: (Agreement enclosed) Our 2025 Yard Waste Disposal renewal contract with Brobst Tree & Stump Service is confirmed. The yearly dumping fee of yard debris for the 2025 season remains at \$4,500 (same as in 2024), with all other terms and conditions remaining the same. This marks our fifth year with Brobst and continues to work very well for us.

Our citywide residential yard waste pickup runs from May through October, with pickup days being the second and fourth Mondays of the month (see our website for more program details).
  
4. Planning Commission Recommendations: (on tonight's Agenda) We have two (2) candidates on-hand for consideration of appointment to the Planning Commission. With the appointment of these candidates, that will fill the two openings we currently have on the Board. The candidates for consideration are: 1. Amanda Briggs, 2. Travers Dombrowski. Both are solid candidates and have enthusiastically sought the appointment. I gladly endorse both for appointment.
  
5. Ohio Issue 2, Local Public Infrastructure Bond Amendment on Statewide Ballot, May 6: FYI- This initiative would authorize a \$2.5 billion general obligation bond, limited to \$250 million per year over 10-years, to fund the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). SCIP provides local governments with grants, loans, loan assistance, and local debt support for public infrastructure projects, such as roads and bridges, sewer and stormwater systems, and waste facilities.

According to the OPWC, 56.7% of proposed funding will go to roads, 18.3% will go to water supply, 13.9% will go to wastewater management, 6.8% to bridges and culverts, and 4.3% will go to stormwater utilities. \*Some stats on how The City of Geneva has utilized OPWC funds, 1987-2025:

<u>Total # of Projects Funded</u>	<u>Tot. Project Cost</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Grant Dollars</u>	<u>Loan Dollars (0%)</u>
42 (Rounds 1-39)	\$15.68M	\$7.11M	\$4.77M	\$3.56M

\*A “Yes” vote supports allowing the state to issue up to \$2.5 billion in general obligation bonds, limited to \$250 million per year for 10-years, to continue assisting local governments in funding public infrastructure improvement projects.

6. Financial Audit for FY 2024 Is Underway: FYI- The Ohio Auditor of State's Office (AOS) has started its FYE 2024 financial audit for the City of Geneva and expects to be completed by July 31, 2025. The AOS has estimated their fees and expenses for audit services to not exceed \$32,595.

Council Members should have received an email from the AOS on March 5<sup>th</sup>, notifying you of the Summary of Services and the Entrance Conference Agenda. If you haven't already, please take the time to review that email and the documents that were included as they provide you with pertinent information in regards to services performed and our responsibilities during the audit process. If (and/or when) you receive requests for information from them, it is important that you understand these requests are not optional, but are required as a part of our process. Please respond to them in a timely manner as any lack of response has a negative impact on our audit. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to either Traci Welch or myself.

7. Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council Annual Meeting: FYI- The ACCHD is holding their annual meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 7 PM at the ACHD office in Jefferson. I will be attending this annual meeting. The meeting generally highlights and recaps departmental activities of the previous year.