

## AGENDA

### Scio Village Council

February 8, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Visitors
3. Letters & Correspondence – attached in packet
4. Clerk-Treasurer - 2016 Unaudited Financial Statement is on table for public viewing
5. Water/WW Clerk ; Income Tax
6. Solicitor
7. Mayor's Report
  - Proxy for Mar. 6th Annual Harrison County Health Dist. Meeting.
  - Letter to Legislators and Resolution 2017-003 pertaining to keeping collection of business income taxes on a local basis
8. Village Administrator

#### **WTP**

Awaiting orders from the EPA

Feb 22, 2017 council meeting, a representative for water meter pilot program will be present

Working with RCAP on lead and service line mapping per EPA mandate

#### **WWTP**

working with several vendors for the best price options for repairs

#### **RCAP**

Progressing on the GIS project, completion date slated Jan 2018

#### **EPA**

The joint settlement agreement is completed

Lead service line and fixture mapping mandate due March 9,2017

#### **General information:**

Kinder Morgan has requested a RUMA for heavy loads/ UTOPIA

New property acquired by the Village of Well 3, outside structures are located on Village property.

#### **Village resident complaints:**

- Lee street, received complaints about trash and dumping
- Trash and boxes from the Dollar General blowing onto Village property and down SR646 and SR151
- Residents have called concerning unregistered vehicles on Lee Street, High Street, Main and College Streets

9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Committee Reports
12. Financial Report Approval
13. Pay bills
14. Adjourn

**January 25, 2017**

**Scio Village Council** met in regular session on January 25, 2017 at 6 pm with Mayor Michelle Carpenter presiding and leading the pledge to the Flag.

Members present were Carol Davy, Ron Wright, Andrew Turner, George Tubaugh, and Earl Whiteman. Ron Thompson – flu. Others included Village Administrator Jake Tubaugh, Water/WW Clerk & Inc. Tax Adm. Janeen Scott and Clerk-Treasurer Trish Copeland. J.D. Long was the representative from the News-Herald.

Turner moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting – Mrs. Davy seconded; all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Visitors: None

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Copeland informed council that a check for \$1,000,000.00 (dollars) had been transferred from PNC to The Citizens Bank – Jewett Branch.

**Income Tax/Wat-WW Clerk**

Ms. Scott asked for a water committee meeting after the regular meeting.

**Village Administrator**

**Water Treatment Plant**

The EPA has accepted the submitted and updated plans from AoP for plant improvements but final approval could take up to 8 weeks from the EPA engineering section.

J. Tubaugh briefed the council on the possibility of a pilot program to install the much needed water meters on the most critical portions of the Village. The Administrator has scheduled Utility Technologies to present options to the council at the February 22 regularly scheduled meeting. J. Tubaugh also provided possible funding options for water meters for the council's review. The Administrator and water department have stressed the need to procure new equipment for metering water.

**WWTP**

The Administrator is working with Vendors to ensure the Village receives the best price on the needed equipment repairs for the wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost will be in the proximity of \$16,000 to \$19,000 for the repairs and equipment that was originally quoted to the Village in 2010.

**RCAP**

The Grid Geo mapping is complete, several grids have been marked and we will continue to do so for the GIS mapping project. RCAP will be in the Village each month until the project is complete. Village employees will continue painting and marking as the project progresses.

**EPA**

The EPA has issued new mandates requiring municipalities to submit a lead service line and fixture mapping by March 9, 2017.

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The Administrator is in communication with the Ohio EPA South East District for a bilateral issuance of orders versus a unilateral order.

**Smoke Test**

The Village has received several calls resulting in property owners having fixed or repaired the items listed in the smoke test report. The deadline set by the council is 1 April 2017 for all repairs to be completed.

**Maps**

New maps were provided by the county auditor's office for the three parcels purchased by the Village for the possibility of developing a third well. A structure was noted on the map that is located on the Village's recently purchased ground. The Administrator addressed this to council and for a recommended course of action to be given.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing was brought to the table.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A program for new meters "Water Meters Pilot Program" was discussed. Janeen tried to emphasize the need for new meters throughout Scio and Jake Tubaugh reminded members that a representative from a meter company will be present at the Feb. 22, 2017 meeting.

Discussion ensued pertaining the acreage recently purchased to develop a third water well. Aerial photos from the Harrison County Engineer's Office show a bordering property owner has built a garage on the property. Vil Adm. Tubaugh said he feels that the problem should be pursued with our Solicitor *after* the purchase is recorded and the village receives the paperwork.

Carol Davy asked if the EMA paperwork could be left in the Village Office for folks to complete so our local Fire Dept. will know they need assistance in an emergency; of course.

Turner moved to enter Executive Session for potential litigation at approx. 6:10pm; George Tubaugh seconded and roll call: Turner, yea; Tubaugh, yea; Whiteman, yea; Davy, yea; Wright, yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Carpenter left the meeting at this time (and did not return)

At approximately 6:25 Turner mover to exit the session and Tubaugh seconded: roll call reflected that all present voted yes. Motion carried.

There was no business brought to the floor after the Executive session ended.


Carol Davy moved to accept the Financial Report and Wright seconded. Roll call: Davy, yea; Wright, yea; Turner, yea; Tubaugh, yea; Whiteman, yea. Motion carried.

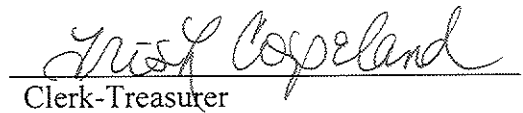
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Ron Wright moved to pay the bills as presented and Davy seconded. Roll call as follows: Wright, yea; Turner, yea; Davy, yea; Tubaugh, yea; Whiteman, yea; motion carried.

As there was no further business to bring before council, Andrew Turner moved to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 17-003

STRONGLY OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET, WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WHICH WILL CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF OHIO MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of a proposal by Ohio Governor Kasich and his administration to institute a state-operated program for the centralized collection of Ohio Municipal Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for a state takeover of collection of the municipal income taxes of municipal corporations such as the Village of Scio, OH, is a clear attack on the home rule powers granted to municipal corporations by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this proposed language also includes a provision that would eliminate portion of the sales factor, known as "throwback", substantially reducing reportable tax revenue to municipalities with warehouses, distribution centers, and any business providing online sales; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scio, OH strenuously objects to this latest attack on municipal home rule under consideration by the State of Ohio and urges all municipal corporations to make it clear to the Governor and General Assembly that this proposed usurpation of constitutionally-granted local municipal power shall not take place without a vigorous legal challenge by affected municipal corporations.

WHEREAS, municipalities can and will provide the personal service and assistance to its taxpayers in the preparation and filing of their tax reports and returns; and

WHEREAS, only municipalities can ensure the prompt and proper auditing of local tax returns to ensure all applicable deductions and declarations are reported, thus also ensuring that all taxpayers pay their fair share without causing higher costs of compliance for all, and must be able to do so without burdensome and costly restrictions included in the Governor's budget proposal created with the only purpose of restricting municipalities from correcting / auditing business return filings or making assessments; and

WHEREAS, provisions in this proposal will hamper municipalities' ability to audit and correct municipal income tax business returns, to equitably enforce the municipal income tax laws and has been crafted as a vehicle to control the administrative process of municipal income tax to the benefit of specific taxpayer interests; and

WHEREAS, the municipal income tax is the single largest revenue source, which provides essential municipal services, promoting a positive quality of life that residents and businesses alike rely upon, and any forced reduction in this revenue will have a negative impact on residents and businesses, creating an environment detrimental to retaining and attracting business in Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Scio, Ohio that:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should request the immediate removal of all language pertaining to municipal income tax collection and administration, and should promote upcoming changes to the Ohio Business Gateway as a solution for businesses to file municipal income tax returns in a more simple and efficient manner, with the Ohio Business Gateway continuing to act only as a portal to remit payments and filing information directly to municipalities, and not to the Ohio Department of Taxation for processing.

Section 2. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that the City must maintain revenue levels without threat of assault via legislation proposed by the Ohio General Assembly; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by Council.

Passed by Council on the 8th day of February 2017;

6 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Effective Date: February 8, 2017.

AUTHENTICATION:

*Cristy Copeland*  
Clerk-Treasurer of Council

*Michelle A. Carpenter*  
Mayor

2/8/17  
Date

2/8/17  
Date

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# VILLAGE OF SCIO

MICHELLE CARPENTER, MAYOR

TRISH COPELAND, CLERK-TREASURER

JASON TUBAUGH, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMBERS: ANDREW TURNER, RONALD THOMPSON II,

RONALD WRIGHT, GEORGE TUBAUGH, EARL WHITEMAN, CAROL DAVY

JANEEN SCOTT, WATER/WW CLERK & INCOME TAX ADM.

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February 8, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We write today in opposition of the Governor's proposal to institute a state-operated central-collection program for the Ohio municipal income tax. We also voice opposition of the proposed elimination of the uniformly applied "throwback" rule.

Municipalities have faced an array of financial challenges in recent years. State policy changes have meant reduced revenue through a variety of cuts. The Local Government Fund was slashed approximately in half in 2011, followed swiftly by the elimination of the estate tax and the tangible property tax.

For the vast majority of cities and villages, their financial bedrock is the municipal income tax. With the passage of HB 5 in 2014, alterations to the structure of the municipal income tax is estimated to cause a further loss of revenue and increased financial strain. The impacts of the changes to the municipal tax won't be fully realized until after this tax filing season.

The Governor's proposal of instituting centralized collection will only increase the financial burdens shouldered by municipalities by further reducing revenue and by effectively severing municipalities from their financial lifeblood. Quarterly distributions would severely damage cities' and villages' ability to meet the daily challenges of both typical and unforeseen financial obligations.

There is also the grave concern regarding local communities' inability to audit and enforce accurate filings and correct returns. Centralized collection offers zero accountability in ensuring the state returns the correct amount of revenue back to the municipality.

The other financially dangerous proposition in the Governor's budget is the elimination of the "throwback" rule. This rule ensures sales tax on a product manufactured in one municipality and delivered in another are "thrown back" to the municipality of origin. A 2011 sampling of just 12 Columbus businesses showed an elimination of this provision would have meant a staggering loss of over \$500,000. The loss of this revenue would be virtually crippling to many municipalities.

We respectfully ask that you consider our strong objections to these proposals and that you stand with municipalities as the economic engines of our state. We ask that you oppose these proposals and vote instead to strengthen and invest in our local communities for a safer, stronger, more prosperous Ohio.

Sincerely,

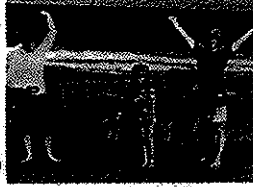
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DELAWARE TO SEATTLE

Dear Citizens, THANKS TO YOU  
of Scio,

Thanks for helping us make it from  
the Atlantic to the Pacific by bicycle,  
via your wonderful Conotton Creek  
Trail. We had a lovely ride on  
the trail, and we hope  
it continues long into the  
future. We heard rumors  
that it might be removed,  
and we hope that's not  
the case.

Yours in spirit,  
Rob Levin, Sarah  
Cushman + Cedar



Town of Scio  
Recreation + Parks  
Dept.

Town Hall,  
Scio, OH  
43988

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# Harrison County Community Improvement Corporation

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Harrison County Block Grant Applicants

FROM: Jody Hennis

SUBJECT: CDBG grant applications

The State has changed the CDBG program to a biennial allocation. We are on the list to receive 2017 funding. We will receive \$150,000, of which we will have \$120,000 to spend on eligible projects. We are limited to 4 projects. If this would change the Office of Community Development will notify us after the comment period- which ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

If needed a single project can consist of more than one activity in your area- **IF** the beneficiaries of the activities are the same...for example- Community center furnace replacement & new playground equipment in your park... *Remember your Twp/Village buildings/garages, etc. that are not available for use/rental by the public ARE NOT eligible for these grant funds* Call me- let's discuss some ideas where you may be able to combine activities that could equal \$20,000 to \$30,000...

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY - PRE-EXISTING WORK WILL APPLY - you must call me for the budget price. Your contractor will have to estimate everything with their price.**

You are receiving this application because your LMI data is at or above 51%, or you are in the process of conducting a house-to-house income survey. I have to have the completed surveys ASAP so that I can determine eligibility and process your application.

Please follow the instructions on the bottom of the application and keep in mind that we need the application returned to our office before **4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2017.**

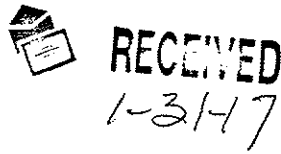
A second public hearing will tentatively be set for May 24th prior to the County submitting the application to the State Office of Community Development (OCD) for funding June 16

We should receive the grant applications back in November, December 2017/January 2018 I will be preparing the environmental and submitting the awarded projects to Ohio Historic Preservation Office for their review. Projects could begin in March 2018 and would need to be completed by December 15, 2019.

Call me if you have any questions- 942-2027 or e-mail me at [jrh@harrisoncountyohio.org](mailto:jrh@harrisoncountyohio.org)

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January 27, 2017

Dear Public Official:

In the past five years, Columbia Gas of Ohio has continued to invest in infrastructure replacement that benefits both our customers and your community. This initiative is called the Infrastructure Replacement Program. You recently received a similar letter to inform you of the proposed rate change to recover the costs of our infrastructure investments in 2016. *This letter is to inform you of a different case* in which Columbia will request permission to continue its Infrastructure Replacement Program *for another five years*. Columbia's current Infrastructure Replacement Program ends on December 31, 2017, and the extension would allow Columbia to continue its Infrastructure Replacement Program until December 31, 2022.

Under its Infrastructure Replacement Program, Columbia continues to replace aged cast iron, wrought iron, unprotected coated steel and bare steel distribution pipe, as well as hazardous customer service lines. The Infrastructure Replacement Program also included the repair or replacement of 320,000 prone-to-failure risers (completed in 2012) and the installation of more than 1.4 million automated meter reading devices (AMRD) on residential and commercial meters (substantially completed in 2013). Customers will continue to pay for those past investments in riser replacement and AMRD in this Infrastructure Replacement Program extension over the useful life of these installations.

Replacing our aged distribution main with modern pipe produces several benefits for our customers and our communities:

- It reduces leaks, which enhances the safety of our system and means we have to dig up streets, sidewalks and lawns less often.
- It allows us to operate distribution systems at higher pressures, which keeps water from infiltrating lines and disrupting service, and better supports economic development in older neighborhoods.
- It creates local construction jobs and increases local tax revenue.

Our Infrastructure Replacement Program has produced, and continues to produce, other customer benefits as well:

- It addressed a riser safety issue identified by the PUCO and relieved the affected customers of hundreds of dollars in repair or replacement costs. Prior to 2008, customers owned their risers.
- It relieves customers of repair bills in the hundreds or thousands of dollars if their customer service lines develop hazardous leaks. Prior to 2008, customers were responsible for maintaining these service lines.
- Installing AMRDs means our customers with indoor gas meters no longer have to make access arrangements for our meter readers. Additionally Columbia can now obtain actual meter readings every month, eliminating bi-monthly estimated reads, which were a significant source of customer service complaints.
- Deploying AMRDs has resulted in substantial meter reading cost savings, which Columbia is passing on to customers through this program.

Extending the infrastructure program over the five-year term would potentially increase the monthly Rider IRP rate for small general service (SGS) customers to \$11.70, \$13.20, \$14.70, \$16.20, and \$17.70. For general service (GS) customers, the projected rates would be \$98.75, \$114.17, \$129.54, \$145.14, and \$160.85. And for large general service (LGS) customers, the projected rates would be \$3,163.21, \$3,698.04, \$4,235.46, \$4,780.05, and \$5,328.90. Notwithstanding these projected rates, each year, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio reviews the expenditures that Columbia recovers through Rider IRP to ensure they are reasonable.

Around February 27, 2017, Columbia plans to file an application asking the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to extend the Infrastructure Replacement Program for another five years. You are not required to take any action, but should you wish to view our pre-filing notice or any other public documents in this case, you may visit the PUCO's online Docketing Information System at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/>, and review the filings made for Case No. 16-2422-GA-ALT.

We are committed to providing outstanding customer service and to maintaining strong relationships with the communities we serve. If you have any questions about our rate adjustment, please contact Jana Croom, Director of Regulatory Affairs, at (614) 460-4647.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Creekmur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

Daniel Creekmur

President

Columbia Gas of Ohio



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1-30-17

HARRISON COUNTY

The following matters are the subject of this public notice by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The complete public notice, including any additional instructions for submitting comments, requesting information, a public hearing, or filing an appeal may be obtained at:  
<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/actions.aspx> or Hearing Clerk, Ohio EPA, 50 W. Town St. P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Ph: 614-644-3037 email: HClerk@epa.ohio.gov

Final Issuance of Certification

Hopedale Fractionation Facility

46700 Giacobbi Rd, Jewett, OH 43986

Facility Description: 401 Certification

Receiving Water: Upper Cross Creek

ID #: DSW401165074

Date of Action: 01/25/2017

This final action not preceded by proposed action and is appealable to ERAC.

Grant of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Preferred Design Alternative Hopedale Fractionation Facility Expansion.