

VILLAGE OF CONVOY

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2018 State of the Village Address

To: Residents of the Village of Convoy
Fiscal Officer – Kelly Schlemmer
Village Council Members:
President - Neil Orsbon
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James Lautzenheiser; Bill Dull; Vicki Saylor

January 20, 2019

Village Council and I would like to thank retired Fiscal Officer, Vicki Saylor for her many years of excellent service and dedication to the Village. Further, we welcome Kelly Schlemmer who will be filling that position. The Village additionally thanks outgoing councilman Randy Wermer for his 30 plus years of exemplary service. Village Council welcomes a familiar face, by introducing the new councilperson, Vicki Saylor.

The Board of Public Affairs, Village Council, Kelly Schlemmer, Fiscal Officer and I would like to express our appreciation to the village employees, Jeff Meyers, Terry Crowle and Steve Haggerty.

The Board of Public Affairs, President Steve Cramer, Jan McIntosh and Bob Wertenberger have made critical decisions to aid in complying with the Ohio EPA mandated regulations required be done in Convoy. We have met with business owners about backflow prevention units that must be installed by December 31, 2019. In 2019, we will be hiring an engineering firm to comply with EPA mandates concerning Infiltration & Inflow Issues at the waste water treatment plant.

The Street Department is busy with snow and ice removal starting this new winter season. Main Street and Tully Street are designated as snow routes, and all vehicles must be removed during any snow event. The street department also keeps the streets clean and picked up. As a reminder, please do not leave GRASS CLIPPINGS in the street. Jeff has installed a couple of new and replacement catch basins, and several storm sewer lines have been installed at various locations in town. In 2018, we overlaid several streets. Partnering with the water department, they continue to work on the separation of storm sewer and sanitation sewer lines.

The Water Department repaired 1 and replaced 1 fire hydrant. Water testing was completed for treatment. The Wastewater Department purchased and installed 3 raw pumps. A replacement equipment truck was purchased for the departments.

The Convoy Fire Department & EMS completed their 43rd year of service to our community. In 2018, there were 222 runs, in which 182 were for EMS. Motor vehicle accidents accounted for 23 of those runs. Further, there were 37 fire runs, 2 haz mat incidents and 1 severe weather spotting occurrences. Currently the department has 23 volunteer members with 8 being Firefighter/EMT's, 3 being EMT's, 3 being advanced EMT's and 12 being firefighters. The department added a second ambulance, which was kindly purchased and donated by American Legion Post 178. We were awarded an Assistance to firefighters FEMA grant for \$140,700.00 to purchase the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) which the fireman will be trained to use on February 16, 2019. Our Volunteer Fire Departments Firefighters and EMT's put in numerous hours of time and training, to acquire and maintain certifications to serve the community with knowledge and professionalism. The department held their annual All U Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast in February, 2018.

The Village Zoning Commissioner Gerald Balliet Jr. issued 35 permits in 2018. He reminds all village citizens, building permits should be acquired for projects like siding, fencing, roofing, decks, windows and numerous other projects alike. In addition, pool permits are required.

I look forward to representing the Village of Convoy, in the coming year. As always, I appreciate any suggestions and/or concerns of the Village residents. Our meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of each month, with the Board of Public Affairs meeting at 4 p.m. and Village Council at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

I would like to invite everyone with any questions or concerns for the Village, to attend these meetings or reach out to me directly. You may reach me by contacting Kelly Schlemmer at the Village Office, or at my cell phone 419-203-3213.

Respectfully,



Timothy A Bolenbaugh, Mayor