

VILLAGE OF WINDHAM

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MAYORS ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

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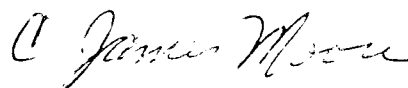
Progress for our Village continued in the year 2000. Some of the accomplishments are as follows:

- 1) For the fourth (4th) consecutive year more Village Streets were paved due to continual pursuit and receipt of Ohio Public Works Issue II Funds and having necessary Village Funds to match these grants. For 2001 another grant for more street paving has been applied for.
- 2) Our Police Department progress has continued. The second year of the Crime Prevention Grant is in progress. When this grant ends we will try to keep a part-time officer working with the schools depending on Village finances. Previous Police Chief Milford Hagans retired and we hired a new Police Chief Jack DeSalvo. We have three (3) new Police cruisers with cameras on a 3 year lease program that should work out well financially and keep us with continued new cruisers rather than used ones with high maintenance costs. The Federal Cops Grant has ran out and we will determine this year our plans concerning the number of full-time officers, currently seven (7) and our finances.
- 3) We have established a Village Enterprise Zone providing Tax Abatements for businesses and industry who locate in the Village or for those who expand. R.H.I., formerly Harbison Walker, requested tax incentives to expand their plant operations which was accomplished with Mayor, Council and School Board support, which made the Enterprise Zone possible. R.H.I. committed to hiring resident employees and has followed through. This has brought more income to the Village funds to help make our Village a better community and good jobs for Village Residents.
- 4) In January 2000 we hired a new Solicitor, Mark Manlove, who has helped us in many ways. The three (3) long standing lawsuits concerning housing code violations were settled. Seven (7) slum & blight apartment buildings were torn down in year 2000 and four (4) more are planned for tear down this year 2001.
- 5) As slum and blight apartment buildings come down, new single family houses are being built for the first time since the apartment building were built in 1942 in the current apartment (project) area of our Village. Four (4) new homes are in progress and twelve (12) more are planned to be built.

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- 6) The renovation of our community building continues and should be a facility we will be much more proud of when completed.
- 7) Drane Services was hired to properly codify our Ordinances. When completed soon each elected Village Representative will have all of the Codified Ordinances in one book for use while in office.
- 8) Two (2) new younger employees were hired beginning as Trainees at the water and sewer plants. As new full-time employees to replace our long time employees. It provides security for the future of our Village water/sewer utilities.
- 9) The construction of new schools in our Village continued in 2000 with completion of the High School and East Elementary. The Junior High School is due to be completed this year.
- 10) We have begun planning for a new Village facility Center to house our Administration Offices, Council Chambers, Police Department, to be located on Village Property between Center St. and Community Rd. The Library has shown an interest to have space constructed at this new facility. We are considering the possible purchase of School board land where the current old, K.T. Elementary is located in order to better locate the new facility. This will depend on meetings and progress with the School Board and the tear down of the old K.T. Elementary. Ultimately, the completion of this new Village facility will depend on the resident voters of the Village after they review the entire plans, its costs and improvements for our Village.
- 11) An Economic Development Committee has been established to try and attract industry and businesses to our Village for more growth, income and better community.
- 12) Long Range Planning was initiated and we hope to work this in with all other Village work in progress and to plan our Village future as we would like it to be.

Respectfully Submitted



C. James Moore, Mayor

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