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1998 MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL  
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In 1998 the Village continued on a sound financial base in all funds except the Maintenance/Repair Fund and the Sewer Fund. The 1999 Budget and funds conditions should be about the same as 1998.

1998 brought continued progress from the past five (5) years of past and current Council plans and action.

Some of the following accomplishments were made:

1. For the second consecutive year more streets were paved due to pursuit and receiving Ohio Public Works Issue II Funds and having necessary Village funds to match. Four (4) streets were repaved.
2. The Cops Grant Program provided an additional full-time and one part-time officer at 75/25% matching funds making our full-time officers at 7 (four officers now due to grants) and one canine for drug searches. We also received a 4th year extension of the first Cops Grant which provided two full time officers.
3. Nikko the drug search canine has recovered over 50lbs of marijuana, over 8 oz of crack cocaine and over 7oz of powder cocaine since January 1997 in Portage County. Nikko's combined U.S. Currency seizures and fine money totals approximately \$13,959.
4. We received the Community Partnership Grant amounting to over \$40,000 for the purpose of working together with our residents to identify and resolve drug and alcohol problems in our Village. This will provide computers and data that we will be able to use for years to come.
5. Our Police Department received National recognition for solving the school break in and damages by submitting a pop can for DNA testing.
6. The purchase and installation of new computers and software have provided in 1998 good financial and record keeping data that has helped those involved to do our jobs quicker and better.
7. A \$100,00 Parks Grant for redoing the basketball and tennis courts was submitted in 1998 and indication looks good for being awarded this grant which will require a 25% match.
8. Ground has been broken for a new Katherine Thomas Elementary School to be build in our Village off of Maple Grove Road.
9. A Zoning Permit was issued to the Community Economic Corporation to build a new \$500,000 Day Care facility, also off Maple Grove Road near Center Street.
10. Much time has been spent to figure out ways to purchase a new backhoe, which hopefully will be purchased in early 1999.

This new year 1999 expectations include some of the following:

- A) Repaving three roads and three court areas. The Ohio Public Works Issue II Funds has been awarded for this in the amount of \$80,775.
- B) Find ways to fund and purchase a new backhoe
- C) Complete the enforcement of the Housing Code by court action of those in violation.
- D) Find ways to correct the Sewer Fund problems
- E) Correct the infiltration problems at the sewer plant as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency by installing a new sewer line where ground water infiltration exists and finding grant or loan funds to do so.
- F) By mid 1999 we will have to know our plan of action for the year 2000 to maintain two of our seven full-time officers. The 4th year extension will be running out this year and we are required by the original grant and extensions to in good faith maintain these officers which we should want to do.

While we have had some council differences we have continued to make progress. If we can focus on real Village and Council issues and avoid personalities we can make even more progress together.



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