

Village of Windham, Ohio

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South Main Street Water and Sewer Project - Mike I. Rhino was chosen as the contractor for the project in January, 2004. The contractor was subsequently removed from the project and the Bonding Company finished the work up to the final application of new blacktop, which is yet to be installed and completed.

Personnel changes - Bruce Rininger was hired as a result of January 2004 Council action to be a part-time employee serving the Streets and Sidewalks Dept. as well as the Water and Sewer Depts. as needed. In December, 2004, Council received the Resignations of Grace Krontiris, Village Fiscal Officer; Wendy Walters, Assistant Fiscal Officer and Darlene Rickard Utilities Clerk. Based on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, their replacements were hired in mid-December. The new employees are: Shelley Craine, Village Fiscal Officer; Lloyd Billman, Income Tax Administrator; and Chris Stier, Utilities Clerk. John M. Hebb, a 30-year public employee, retired on December 31, 2004.

Vaccinations - The Council voted in March 2004 to provide vaccinations to all Water and Sewer employees to protect their health while on the job.

Maintenance and Repairs – In April, 2004, work began on the repair of the roof over the Administration and Police Department offices by Al Shotterman.

Grants and Awards – The Village received a grant/loan from the USDA and the CDBG grant in June, 2004. These monies provided funding for the Center Street project.

Water and Sewer – The Village Council began negotiations with the Portage County Water Resources to explore the possibility of their taking over the water and sewer departments.

Windham Township Trustees - The Mayor worked on a year-long campaign to get a contract for a joint Fire District without any success.

Appreciation – was noted to the following who provided meals to the community in various capacities – St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (Warren) and the Portage County Meals on Wheels. The Mayor and the Community appreciates Jerome McDaniels who built the benches and did landscaping in front of the Community Center and beautified the area with his efforts.