

VILLAGE OF WINDHAM

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1999

MAYORS ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

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In 1999 we continued with steady progress for our village and its residents. Our progress is due to our sound financial base in all funds except the Maintenance/Repair Fund and the Sewer Fund. Also our progress is due to the time, and efforts of Mayor and Council.

Some of the following accomplishments were made in 1999.

- 1) For the 3rd consecutive year more streets were paved due to continual pursuit and receiving Ohio Public works Issue II Funds and having necessary village funds to match these grants. Prior to 1997 we did not have funds to match grants. For 2000 a new grant for more street paving was submitted in 1999.
- 2) We finally accomplished replacing the very old and maintenance costly backhoe with a new caterpillar backhoe. Because of the expensive cost of new backhoes and the village budget a lot of time and effort has been spent for several years trying to resolve the backhoe needs.
- 3) A plan of replacing old fire hydrants began in 1999 and will continue this year. Financing for a new sewer line west to east across the Harbison Walker property line was decided. The purpose is to replace old and deteriorating sewer lines causing infiltration of ground water and the expensive cost of treating water infiltration at the sewer plant. This project is also an E.P.A. requirement.
- 4) The \$100,000. Park s grant for new tennis and basketball courts was applied for in 1998 and was awarded in June 1999. The Village match was to be \$25,000. Even though the awarded grant was for \$35,328., instead of \$100,000., we are pursuing a way to use this grant to improve our game courts.
- 5) Groundbreaking for the East Elementary School addition and the New High School began in 1999. The new Katherine Thomas Elementary School (a 9 million dollar facility) was completed and the opening ceremony was held on dec. 19, 1999. These new schools are a tremendous boost for our Village.

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- 6) Zoning Permits for six new homes and a Kevin Coleman Professional Service building to house seven residents were issued. The 6 new homes began construction and are nearly all completed. The Kevin Coleman facility should begin this spring at the corner of Community Road and Cloverleaf Road.
- 7) Some long awaited and needed community building repairs was started in November. Planning is in progress on future needs for this building and complete renovation.
- 8) The Crime Prevention grant of \$13,333. From the office of Criminal Justice was approved for a second year. This program provides funds for citizen block watch and crime awareness training and one police officer in the schools. The Village match is \$3,330.
- 9) The remaining Federal Cops grants of 75% match continued to help the Village employ 7 full-time police officers four of which are funded by these cops grants. One grant for 2 full-time officers awarded in 1995 ran out in 1999. This year 2000 will determine if the Villages General Fund can absorb the full cost of the expiration of that grant. The 1997 grant for the other 2 full-time and 2 part-time officers expires in the year 2001.
- 10) Our Ordinances were updated with codification. This will make it easier for everyone, especially for newly elected Village representatives.

I appreciate the vote of confidence the citizens of the Village has given me and to the two newly elected members of council. I look forward to working together with you to accomplish much more progress for our village and its residents.

Respectfully Submitted

C. James Moore, Mayor
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