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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members
Department/Division Heads
FROM: Douglas L. Lewis, City Manager
SUBJECT: City Manager Update
DATE: June 4, 2007

2007 Street Improvement Program: The Public Works Department has completed chipping of catch basins and manholes on Mill Street in order to complete the scratch coat of asphalt. They will scratch coat the 11 intersections of Mill Street as time permits. Phillip Miller Construction began work on the Mill Street Curb Project today, June 4th.

Meeting with Commissioners: On Thursday, May 31, 2007, City Managers Anthony Cantagallo, James Pearson and I met with the Ashtabula County Commissioners. During the meeting we discussed issues that we could work together on. Issues identified included: promotion of tourism, standardized signage and creation of a bike path from Conneaut to Geneva along State Route 20. It was suggested that we continue to meet once a month.

Planning Commission – CVS and Love's: CVS is scheduled to present their final plans and Love's Travel Center and Country Store is scheduled to present their preliminary plans and layout to the Planning Commission on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Assuming both projects move forward, the total estimated investment in the City of Conneaut would be approximately \$5.5 - 6 million.

The Water Department has determined that the proposed CVS site has a galvanized water line along Mill Street. However, they will be able to use any of the numerous taps surrounding the site as they are all copper.

Love's Travel Center and Country Store: Northcoast Construction began clearing the property at the corner of State Route 7 and Interstate 90 in order to obtain elevations. The initial clearing has been completed.

Harris Properties: The Conneaut Fire Department responded to 454 State Street as a result of reports that bricks fell from the building. The property is owned by Mr. Gary Harris and is in very poor condition. As a result, Fire Chief Orrenmaa has contacted Thomas Fence and requested that a temporary fence be installed in order to protect the public. The fence will cost the City of Conneaut approximately \$1,000.

Fire Inspectors from Station #1 are scheduled to re-inspect this property next week and will be accompanied by Ashtabula County Chief Building Official, David Smith. Since we do not anticipate cooperation from the owner, we will need to mitigate the hazard by installing the fence and then look at permanent options to resolve the problem.

While we are examining this property, we will also be inspecting two (2) other dilapidated properties owned by Mr. Harris at the corner of Old Main and East Main and 151 Old Mill Street. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Mill Street Sink Hole: The Wastewater Department dug up a sink hole on Mill Street just south of St. Francis Cabrini Church and found that it most likely came from improper compaction from a lateral installation which had been done over 20 years ago. There were large pieces of asphalt in the ditch line that may have had voids in them and settled out.

Gas Line Boring: On June 1, 2007, we received a call regarding a basement flooding on 12th Street. The water rose to a level of approximately 18" deep. After we loaned the resident a pump to clear the basement, it was discovered that a lateral sewer line and a water line were hit during the boring process on Broad Street where Dominion is replacement gas lines. Employees worked overtime jetting out our main line, which had completely plugged with sand from the water line break. Due to the break in the water line, the sidewalk and retaining wall at 617 12th Street had sunk and was leaning over and beginning to collapse. Dominion is repairing problems for the homeowner.

South Amboy Road Complaint: The Public Works Department tree crew removed two (2) trees on South Amboy Road this past week. The trees were removed due to complaints regarding visibility and the fact that the trees were encroaching on the public right-of-way.

Water Superintendent Position: The Water Superintendent position will be advertised this Saturday, June 9 – 10, 2007 in the Star Beacon and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Journal. Applications will be accepted until June 29, 2007. At that time, we will review applications and begin interviews.

New Police Officers: The Conneaut Police Department recently two new officers - Mr. Jessi Lardi and Mr. Chris Hagstrom. Both were dispatchers with the Conneaut Police Department prior to becoming Police Officers. Officer Lardi has been working with Officer Colby to complete his field training program. Officer Hagstrom began his employment on Monday, June 4, 2007. We want to welcome both new officers and congratulate them as well.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – IMPORTANT DATES:

Planning Commission: Presentation of Love's Travel Center and Country Store and CVS.

Project Pride Clean Up: Meet in Harbor on June 9th at Basil's Cafe. Please encourage the community to participate.

Utilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Works Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Sock Hop and Car Cruise: Friday, June 15, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Downtown Conneaut, Ohio along Broad Street. Due to the popularity last year, it may have to be expanded to include Main Street.

Soap Box Derby: June 15 – 16 at Broad Street Underpass.

Cable Advisory Board: Meeting on June 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Economic Development Committee: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

4th of July Festival: June 29 – July 3, 2007 at Lakeview Park. The parade will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

LEAF Project: July 16-21, 2007. The goal of the LEAF project is to help with the rebuilding and renovation of fifteen (15) properties in Conneaut. If you are interested in lending a helping hand or need assistance, please contact Mr. Don Palm, LEAF Project Coordinator, at 224-1176.

CAMA Block Party: July 28, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Dean Avenue Park.

Port Authority Classic Boat and Car Show: August 4, 2007 from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Port of Conneaut.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: September 22, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. Materials to be taken: paint, household cleaners, batteries, automotive fluids, pesticides, mercury, unacceptable materials. A flyer has been placed in your mailbox.