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February 1, 2019

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

The Village's wastewater infrastructure system is aged and in poor condition. The Village has made many improvements to the system, but more improvements are needed to the system. Ohio EPA has mandated that we continue to make additional improvements to the system. These improvements must be made to permit proper collection and treatment of wastewater without polluting the environment and having frequent service interruptions. The improvements include replacement or rehabilitation of wastewater collection lines and manholes. In approximately 2 to 3 years the village must also replace the wastewater treatment plant, which has been deemed functionally obsolete by Ohio EPA. The village must submit a quarterly inspection report of the Imhoff tank to Ohio EPA.

As communicated during council meetings and in the local newspaper, the Village of Cadiz worked to acquire funds for South and Center Collection System project. The funds include:

- US Army Corps of Engineers: \$950,000 grant
- USDA-Rural Development: \$1,845,000 grant and \$4,554,000 low interest loan with a 40-year term
- Ohio EPA: \$1,400,500 loan at 0% interest for 30-years. The village did not qualify for any Principle Forgiveness (grant) funds.
- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): The village worked with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association (OMEGA) to pursue a \$250,000 grant. Because of the demand for the grant and the mandated schedule, these funds were not available for the project.
- RPIG-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The village did not meet the income criteria for these funds.
- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC): It was decided that these funds were too important to fund street paving that these funds would not be used on the project.

The South and Center Collection System project will be approximately 30% grant funded with the balance of funding being low interest loan funds.

Mayor Zitko and village staff attended a meeting of the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group (SCEIG) in Columbus in the past to present the wastewater system projects. The SCEIG is a group of wastewater grant funding sources in Ohio. That presentation informed the funding entities of the need for grant and low interest loan funds for the Cadiz wastewater system projects. The village will continue to aggressively pursue grant funds for the upcoming infrastructure projects.

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Approximately one-half of the project will be excavating and replacing aged collection system lines. The remainder of the project will be lining existing lines with a resin infused fiber liner that is cured to harden in place in side existing lines. This will be the largest wastewater project completed by the village to date. The original cost for the project was greatly reduced when the existing lines were cleaned, and camera inspected. The inspection identified which lines would not have to be replaced or rehabilitated. Superintendent Tom Carter was instrumental in getting this work completed for the village. The project is estimated to cost \$8,749,500.

The project will unfortunately cause a sewer rate increase. The new sewer rates are effective with the February 1, 2019 billing. The rate sheet is available at the Utility Office. There will be a public presentation of the scope of the South and Center Collection System project at the February 7, 2019 village council meeting.

If you have any questions, please call the utility office at 740-942-8844 extension 222. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.