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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

August 2010

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

July was an interesting month for LORCO. The construction crews primarily worked in Carlisle Township installing the collection system. In addition, in Eaton Township the contractors started the installation of individual grinder pumps. Construction progress for the balance of the project had been delayed due to concerns from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency concerning stream crossings. I am happy to report all of the OEPA concerns have been addressed and the full permitting process has been completed. The contractors will now be able to proceed with the balance of the project. The construction process is still ahead of schedule and under budget.

During the month of July and into August our inspectors will be visiting homes which will be connected to the system via grinder pumps. It will be necessary for our inspectors to secure right-of-entry permits so our contractors may install the grinder pumps on individual properties. I want to encourage anyone who has questions concerning these grinder pumps to contact the LORCO offices. We are happy to answer any questions anyone may have regarding the grinder pumps. We have information and resources available to our customers who have concerns.

Last month I had the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative. Many individuals visited the LORCO table and inquired concerning our efforts to install sewers in rural areas of Lorain County. I want to thank all who asked questions during the afternoon event. I also want to thank LMRE for extending an invitation to LORCO to attend this annual meeting.

LORCO continues to look at the importance of rate equity for our benefited users. Throughout the summer our Policy and Finance Committees have been reviewing a variety of rate plans designed to ensure our rates meet the needs of our customers and the cost to operate

and pay for the sewer collection system. I anticipate the committees will have recommendations to bring before the board of trustees for discussion in September. The goal of both committees is to ensure our rates are fair and equitable to all our benefited users.

Finally, the August board meeting is going to be at a special time and place. The LORCO Board meeting will be held August 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Lorain County Metro Parks offices located at 12882 Diagonal Road, LaGrange, Ohio in the Black River Room. This meeting is being held prior to a bus tour by the LORCO Board to inspect the progress of the new sewer system being installed in Eaton and Carlisle Townships.

If you have questions about the current status of the project, please call 440-647-4882. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

The LORCO Board this summer has been busy with various committee meetings to exam different issues facing our new sewer system. A primary objective of LORCO is to ensure our mission of logically and economically providing central collection and treatment to unsewered areas of Lorain County. Our Finance and Policy Committees have been looking at our rate structure to achieve this mission goal.

In addition to these issues we will be looking in the near future at the impact some of the changes Senate Bill 110 will have regarding the changes to 3718 of the Ohio Revised Code. These changes will affect some of LORCO's current policies and procedures. We anticipate the need to make some policy changes to go into affect in 2011 to address some of these code changes.

Until next month, stay cool and enjoy the summer.

