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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

First, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself to the sixteen member communities in Lorain County supporting the mission of LORCO. I am looking forward to the challenges of fulfilling the mission the LORCO Board has established to "Logically and economically provide central wastewater collections and treatment to the unsewered areas of Lorain County and achieve perpetual independence for townships and villages participating in the LORCO concept." I have several years of political, governmental and business experience in planning and administering new projects. The opportunity to work for a regional entity focused on crossing political jurisdictions to bring services in an efficient and effective manner is a goal I have sought since beginning my governmental experience in 1998. I believe the cooperation among political jurisdictions is the key to keeping cost low and services effective. I look forward to meeting with and working with all the member communities as LORCO moves forward with long term strategic planning.

Let me give you a quick update on the status of the Phase 1 project currently under construction. First, there are six different prime contractors working on ten different contracts. Several of the contractors have dispatched multiple construction crews in the field. The level of construction activity is brisk and with this many contractors working simultaneously there are challenges to ensure the job is done right. Fortunately we have a strong team of construction managers and inspectors in place to ensure the project is being done properly. The project has not been without problems and those problems are at times exacerbated because of the number of people and places working simultaneously. I can assure you every concern is being addressed and the project is moving forward on schedule. The collection system in Eaton Township and Carlisle Township is where the initial construction has started. Currently

over three miles of main line pipe has been installed and multiple lateral lines have been installed. We will keep you updated each month on the status of the project.

The construction of Phase 1 has given me the opportunity to begin the planning for the next phases. We are currently gathering information and there are several opportunities available to address our mission.

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 R. McConnell

LORCO finished 2009 with the first phase of our construction project underway. It is good to see pipe going into the ground after the many years of planning and perseverance. We will all benefit from the accomplishments and efforts put forward these last thirteen years by the LORCO Board, Staff and Consultants. I want to thank Fred Alspach for his years of dedication and service in guiding LORCO from its inception. He faced many challenges and disappointments over the years and his perseverance really paid off. I wish him well in his retirement.

We began the year with the election of officers. Our slate of officers has remained the same with Neil Lynch of Amherst Township being re-elected as Vice-President, Tom Lahetta of South Amherst Village as Secretary-Treasurer and I was retained as President representing Pittsfield Township.

I am optimistic about LORCO's future. We have welcomed new Executive Director, Rob Berner who started December 1st. The committees will be busy in 2010 with new policies to address the concerns of new construction. We also will be welcoming some new board members in 2010. We remain committed to serving and working together to fulfill our mission.