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## **MONTHLY NEWS LETTER**

### **December 2010**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

By: Robert J. Berner

The final month of 2010 is already upon us. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our member communities for their support and assistance during my first year as the Executive Director of LORCO. December 1, 2010 is my one year anniversary. It has certainly been an eventful and interesting year with tremendous progress and change for LORCO.

The Phase I project is nearing completion. Most of the collection system is complete in parts of Eaton and Carlisle Townships. The majority of the work left to complete is on the four-plex pumping station and the transmission line to the Avon Lake Pollution Control Plant. These phases of the project should be complete by late February or early March. We anticipate the system to be operational by the end of March, 2011.

The December 9, 2010 board of trustees meeting will be an important meeting for our customers. This meeting will be held at the East Carlisle Building located at 1959 Grafton Road, Carlisle Township, Ohio. The meeting time will remain at 7:00 pm. In addition to the regular board agenda, the board will be conducting a public hearing concerning the monthly rate structure for LORCO customers. The board is considering a single rate structure. This would mean all LORCO residential customers would pay a single flat rate each month for their sewer bill. The merits of a single rate structure would be the ability for customers to fix their monthly budget. Additionally, they would not have to be as concerned about the volume of water used for outside usage. This would mean LORCO would not have to be involved in

water only deduct meters. There would also be advantages from an administrative and overhead perspective. The billing and processing cost would be better for LORCO operations. We are very much interested in hearing from our current customers, soon to be customers and potential future customers concerning a single rate plan. The fixed rate has not yet been determined but, it will be based upon the projected cost associated with operating the system. LORCO remains a non-profit 6119 jurisdiction in the State of Ohio and will ensure our rates are set at a practical level.

Finally, I want to encourage anyone living or doing business within our Phase I project area who needs information on connecting to the system to view our website or contact our office directly. We want to ensure your transition to sewers and connections go as smoothly as possible.

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

This has been a year of construction for our Phase I project and construction is nearly complete. We had ten different contracts with six different general contractors and this project was responsible for creating over 200 jobs in 2010. Even so, the environmental and economic impact of this project will prove to be the most positive and lasting benefit to the area.

As we close out 2010, I want to thank our board of trustees for their dedicated service and perseverance and wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.