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## **MONTHLY NEWS LETTER**

**April 2010**

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

By: Robert J. Berner

It appears spring is finally upon us and not a day too soon. The improving weather has been a welcome change for our construction project in Eaton/Carlisle Townships. Spring cleanup will begin soon and we hope to see things starting to get back to normal after the winter construction. The system is about 50% complete and even though it is spring, the site restoration and repairs will take some time to complete. The contractors will be working to complete yard and street restoration as weather permits. We continue to ask for your patience in Eaton and Carlisle Townships.

President McConnell and I have been busy the last five weeks visiting our member communities. It has been very informative and enlightening for me to visit our townships and villages. The overwhelming support of the LORCO Concept has been encouraging. We will continue to visit our member communities over the next several weeks.

The progress of Senate Bill 110 has been an area of interest for LORCO. We have been monitoring the impacts of this bill with respect to the standards being proposed for Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS). Senator Niehaus' office has indicated they do anticipate changes to the current language when the Senate comes back in session in April and they anticipate movement on the bill in May. We will continue to follow the progress concerning provisions of the bill. We are particularly concerned with provisions establishing when HSTS are determined to be causing a public nuisance and requirements for inspection and annual maintenance contracts on HSTS's.

I wanted to take a quick minute to update everyone on the status of the legal issues in last month's news letter. As of today, we do not have any resolution on the Elyria Lawsuit but I am optimistic we can resolve both parties concerns. I believe Elyria is a necessary partner as we continue to develop the LORCO Concept

throughout Lorain County. It will be in all of our best interest to put the legal disputes behind us and move forward with progress for those we serve. In addition, several of the property suits have been settled and we continue to make progress in completing the necessary acquisitions to complete the construction project.

Finally, I want to update our member communities on the progress we are pursuing for the western communities of our district. We anticipate having some feasibility options available for review by early summer. During our visits we have heard the concerns of our member communities and are working to provide some solutions and options to address these concerns.

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

Greetings. The board completed an in-service training session sponsored by our legal council, Stumphauer & O'Toole on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was both helpful and informative to our board members. I am pleased with the progress our board continues to make in serving the needs of our member communities. Training sessions like this are helpful in both understanding our legal responsibilities and our obligations as board members.

Summer is quickly approaching and our long term strategic planning is beginning to take shape. I am confident as we continue to examine our mission statement and work to achieve our goals we all will be proud to have taken part in the impact LORCO will have on our member communities. Keep up the good work.

Jim

### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**LORCO Eaton/Carlisle Twp. Meeting**  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm, East Carlisle Building

