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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

The rain in April exceeded even my wildest expectations. April set a record rainfall and hopefully we will see May start to dry things up for us so we can move forward with our normal spring activities.

May also brings with it some excitement for LORCO. We have been talking to contractors and having meetings to discuss the process of connecting homes to the new sewer system. This has been a long time coming and we are happy to see contractors eager to go to work installing the service lines.

The importance of installing the service lines correctly cannot be over emphasized. Our system is designed to handle sanitary sewer only. We will be diligent to ensure the connections are done properly to prevent any type of infill or infiltration into the sanitary sewer of storm or ground water. The infiltration of excess water can be very detrimental to a sanitary only system. For this reason ensuring proper inspections, material and installation is done will be a major focus for LORCO as the new customers connect to our collection system.

I have been very encouraged by the activities taking place in various areas of the county concerning the importance of maintaining proper sewer systems. Because LORCO is a regional cooperative our approach has been to look at how sewers can be done economically and affordable to those we serve. We have been in conversations with a number of municipal utilities to form cooperative efforts to provide services to our customers in the future. Regional cooperation has been an area of emphasis for the last several years on

the state level and we are now seeing it work its way into local government planning. It is good for LORCO to be part of this conversation and contribute on behalf of our communities.

LORCO remains committed to ensuring our mission and goals are served throughout rural Lorain County. We understand providing sanitary sewer collection systems might not be practical or economical in every community. Our purpose is to develop plans to serve our communities in the most effective means available to ensure perpetual independence and keep our environment safe for the next generation.

If you have any questions or wish to comment on any sanitary sewer issues, please contact LORCO at: 440-647-4882 or you can email me at: rberner@lorco.org.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

In April we began a new term for the LORCO Board of Trustees. Representatives from: Huntington Twp., LaGrange Twp., New Russia Twp., Pittsfield Twp., Rochester Twp. and Wellington Twp. were sworn in to new three year terms. Mary Beth Derikito is the new representative from Huntington replacing Ernie Hartman. I want to welcome Mary Beth as our newest board member.

In May the Policy Committee will be working on updating our protocols to ensure we have the proper guidelines in place for connections. We are particularly concerned with ensuring we do not have any illegal connections to the sewer system. Illegal connections can be a significant problem to a sanitary sewer system. I am confident we will see good cooperation.

