



OFFICE OF
CITY MANAGER

CITY OF CLARKSBURG

WEST VIRGINIA

Manager's Report

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General Updates

1. Demolition –
 - a) Empire Builders completed razing 206 Tuna Street. We are awaiting the power to be disconnected at 516 S. 3rd Street and we anticipate this structure being razed within a week.
 - b) 355 Monticello Avenue – On Tuesday evening (January 17th) a portion of the building has fallen. This structure has been on the demolition list since November 28th, 2011. We will be looking at various funding options to have this property razed.

Economic Development

1. Historical Tax Credit Forum – There will be a public meeting Thursday, January 26th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fairmont at The Gatherings located at 216 Monroe Street. I have been participating with the coalition Revitalize West Virginia's Downtowns advocating to increase the State Historic Tax Credits from 10% to 25% which would make historic commercial districts more attractive to developers including Clarksburg, as well as two (2) other cities in Harrison County that the credit would assist (Shinnston and Salem). This would also make West Virginia competitive with Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia which currently offer 25%.
2. M.O.R.E. (Monticello Ongoing Revitalization Effort) – There will be a Town Hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church on EB Saunders Way. The project area will encompass the area from the intersection of Main Street and South 2nd Street to Clay Street to Elk Creek near Haymond Highway.
3. Rails to Trails Meeting – The Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition will be hosting a public meeting Tuesday, February 7th at City Hall. There are several "gaps" needed to complete the 180 mile trail. This meeting will focus upon the "gaps" in Harrison County.
4. Clarksburg Federal Credit Union – The contractor has completed approximately 90% of the project. A dedication ceremony will be planned for late February.

Sanitary Board

1. Sewer Trunkline Cleaning – State Pipe has completed the cleaning of the trunkline along the West Fork River. This project has been completed with 66 tons of debris removed. Also, the entire 3,850 LF has been videoed.
2. 12th Street Mainline Sewer Extension/Upgrade Project – This project will upgrade and extend the current sewer line on N. 12th Street from Pearlman Avenue to Franklin Avenue. Bear Contracting is anticipated to begin work the week of January 23rd.

Police & Fire

Police – Civil Service Commission will be conducting oral interviews with the remaining five (5) candidates' on Monday, January 23rd. They will then certify the list on Wednesday, January 25th. The Chief and I will interview immediately to select probationary officers. All names have to be submitted to the State Police Academy by early February as the Academy begins in April, 2017. It is our intent to hire a minimum of three (3) individuals. The current staffing level is at 41.

FOIA

Randy Gombos submitted a FOIA request Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 requesting all Building Permits from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. A response was provided to Mr. Gombos on Monday, January 9th and the information will be provided on Friday, January 27th.