

As Mayor of the village I am required to address the condition of the village each first meeting of the year. The Financial status of the village is very good. The Water and Sewer accounts are in good shape. The other accounts are in the black as well and the audit done by the State of Ohio showed all accounts to be good and in line with state accounting procedures. Kelly has done a good job of keeping accurate records. Angie has done an excellent job of keeping up with the water and sewer billing with very few residents having outstanding bills. Bill has worked this past year in replacing old and obsolete equipment and in doing so has saved the village a lot of money. This has allowed us to build a new shop building of which has been needed for several years.

Some of the accomplishments this past year have been outstanding. We were able to put the new kayak launching station in place. This met with several people commenting on the ease of launching and how it has helped beginners to become enthused about kayaking. We were also able to finish the new Manley park. We have seen this being used by families on a daily basis. The water project was awarded grants in the amount of approximately \$2.3 million dollars. This would allow for the project to move forward. Along with this project a new water well was added to the project that would allow for added water production to fill the need as Meigsville Water District continues to expand its ability to service more residents.

We also added some new equipment this past year. We purchased a skid steer and traded the big truck in for a smaller truck that would fit better on our streets and alleys. We purchased a portable piece of equipment for digging instead of the large backhoe which was needing a lot of repair. Bill secured grants that allowed for the purchase equipment to detect leaks as well as other tools for working on water and sewer lines. These pieces of equipment save money in time searching for lines and leaks. Starting in January of this year we will be starting to build a new garage for storing equipment and a shop where employees can work on items out of the weather. This building will be a pole type building 40 X 80 feet. A new camera system has been ordered and will be placed at different points around the village to help with much needed security. These will be connected to a home base at the town house and can be reviewed when needed.

Malta has applied for grants to replace some sidewalks, finish the walking trail along the river from the Veterans Memorial Bridge to the Kiwanis Park, create a camping area along the river by Kiwanis Park, Pave the parking lot at park.

The council has worked together and each and everyone has stepped up to make all the above items happen. I congratulate the employees of the village and others in a job well done and thank everyone for their cooperation in making Malta a better place for its residents to live and work.



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