**Accomplishments for 2022 are as follows:**

The Engineering Department had another busy year designing and managing nearly $3.7 million of construction projects of which approximately 42% were grant funded. We completed the following annual projects: paving project, pavement marking and striping and preventative maintenance program (crack sealing) on the streets, Meridian St. parking lot improvements, Riddle Ave., S. Chestnut St. resurfacing and S. Freedom St. brick road.

Rayann Parkway was predominately completed. A successful application submittal for the 2022 OPWC Grant funding of Meridian St. and Murry Ave. waterline replacement project was approved and will be constructed in 2023.

During 2022, several projects were started and will be completed during 2023: Pratt St. waterline and improvements, Highland Ave. Cleveland Rd. traffic signal replacement, Rayann Parkway, Page St. and Scranton St. waterline replacement.

Working with a consultant, we had our water system modeled to assist finding the best location for the new water tank. We continue to research the information looking for the best location for a new tank and have hired a consultant to evaluate the existing standpipe tank.

Damage claims collection netted nearly $46,426.30. Damages for items such as hydrants, signs, trees, city benches etc. typically from vehicles are paid by the insurance companies of the at fault motorist.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2022**

The Building Department’s primary focus was adhering to the Ohio Building Code, processing permits, plan reviews, inspections, and zoning reviews.

This year saw a total project valuation of nearly $13.2 million of private commercial construction and nearly $2.1 million in residential construction. There were a combined 641 inspections conducted by our building inspectors and 549 permits issued. Contractor registration totaled 243.

We continue to identify vacant, blighted structures and seek the courts authorization to demolish those homes with the assistance of the Portage County Land Bank. Our Property Maintenance Inspectors continue to methodically canvass the City recording violations, entering into our data base and meeting with residents firsthand for resolve. Should that not work, the issue is turned over to the law director. Multiple property maintenance items were submitted to the law director to pursue resolution. We continue to work with the Portage County Land Bank for assistance with property acquisition and demolition.

In total approximately 954 rental units were inspected, and we received 285applications.

**Upcoming projects in 2023:**

During 2023, the engineering department is queued up to handle approximately $3.8 million in construction. Of which nearly 50% will be funded from grants and nearly $1,400,000 from the paving levy. Three projects will be completed this year: Pratt St. Improvements, Page St. waterline and Highland Cleveland Rd. traffic signal.

We continue to support other departments with their construction endeavors and ways to improve water/wastewater distribution throughout the system.

Working with the Parks and Recreation Dept. we look for ways to extend the bike and hike trail into downtown and seek funding to assist.

Both the engineering and building department continue to support economic development within the city assisting potential new businesses and existing businesses with growth where we can. We can supply utility information, land and zoning information, vacant or underutilized buildings, building code support, etc.

The engineering department will continue to seek grant money. The annual OPWC water line grant application will include West Spruce Ave. and a portion of Zeta St. If awarded the grants it will reduce the project costs nearly 50%.

We have been awarded two AMATS grants to pave North Chestnut St. from Main St. to north city limits and South Prospect St. from Main St. to south city limits totaling approximately $1.4M of which the grants will pay 80%. AMATS has asked us to move this project up so both streets are set to be paved in 2023.

The Chronic Nuisance ordinance will be reviewed and strengthened if deemed helpful to assist with property maintenance issues. Vacant Property registration ordinance will be explored and written if deemed pertinent to help identify vacant properties that are owned by a responsible party.

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| **Engineering Department** |
| **Grant Summary** | **Project Valuation** |
| 2010 | $1,050,000.00 | $1,500,000.00 |
| 2011 ? | $350,000.00 | $900,000.00 |
| 2012 ? | $300,000.00 | $1,100,000.00 |
| 2013 | $1,990,000.00 | $2,389,000.00 |
| 2014 | $350,000.00 | $2,548,000.00 |
| 2015 | $1,000,000.00 | $3,000,000.00 |
| 2016 | $500,000.00 | $1,300,000.00 |
| 2017 | $1,500,000.00 | $2,950,000.00 |
| 2018 | $250,000.00 | $1,500,000.00 |
| 2019 | $800,000.00 | $2,300,000.00 |
| 2020 | $380,000.00 | $1,500,000.00 |
| 2021 | $425,000.00 | $2,100,000.00 |
| 2022 | $2,600,000.00 | $5,525,000.00 |
|   | $11,495,000.00 | $28,612,000.00 |
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| "?" Denotes additional research needs to be conducted, grant dollars may be higher.Grants have been from OPWC, ODOT/AMATS, CDBG (CI and NSP), TID, JobsOhio, 629 Grant Funds |
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