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To: The Residence of New Holland
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It has been Six months since I have taken over as Mayor of New Holland. It has been a challenge.

BAD NEWS

The state of the Village is less than stellar. The Village equipment is in a sad state of repair, because of the lack of maintains, neglect, and abuses by the last few administrations.

I have found that Village taxpayers paid for services, and repairs that were not done, or half done or just not correctly under the auspices of saving money. I will hold vendors, and employees responsible for work not done correctly, we will not cut corners on repairs, and services; they will be done correctly.

The Mayors and Administrators in the past failed to hold themselves, and employees accountable for damaged, stolen, and loss equipment. The Village taxpayers have purchased tools, and equipment to maintain the Village. Village property is missing. No one has any idea where it is, or whom has the property, or when it came up missing. We have no loss reports or inventories on file to check against.

Some of our vehicles and equipment have been damaged and are need of repair, again no reports on file on what happened or how it happened. We are unable to file with our insurance company for repairs or replacement because no one made reports.

Our Village service agreements for primary equipment were canceled by the last administration in order to save money but it did not. These decisions made by the last administration left the Village open for major expenditures to primary equipment. At this point we are spending more money to maintain our Village equipment because of these decisions.

The last Mayors and Administrators brought bad information to the New Holland Village Council to make sound decisions. Unfortunately Council can only act on information given by the Officers appointed by the Mayor. When full disclosure is not made to Council, bad decisions are made with good intentions.

Our water, and wastewater treatment plants are in bad shape. Equipment has been taken off line with no plans to repair or upgrade because of cost. This thinking will cost the Village more money.

The last Administrators knew for two or more years to replace and clean primary pieces of equipment and failed to do so. The past Mayors knew this, and did not keep their administrators accountable for there bad decisions. We are working with the EPA to help us get over the problems the last administrations left behind.

GOOD NEWS

We will be entering into a contract with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office for limited police services. So you will see an increase of Sheriff cruisers in the Village.

We have partnered with the Pickaway County Engineers Office to help with the streets. We had them Chip and Tar 400 yards of roadway in the Village; they will stripe Main St. also. The Village filled in over 300 pot holes we ran out of cold patch and hope to fill more before the cold weather hits.

We have found and repaired three major water leaks in town we are saving on the average 60,000 gallons of water a day from being wasted. There are still more leaks we hope to find them and repair them.

We will be repairing the Iron filter in the near future. Once are lab results are back we will start repairs, so be looking for a water use precaution notice.

We have repaired and serviced our bobcat, have our generator at the water plant back on line. We will be getting the generator at the sewer plant on line soon, and upgrading the grinder unit.

This Administration has a working relationship with our County, and State Officials all want to help New Holland. We will be looking for them to help with Grants, and financial assistance when needed.

You may have heard I have sent letters to people to clean up their properties most have responded positively. I thank you for your efforts! Those of you that have ignored the simple request to take care of your property; you will continue to receive correspondences, and my find yourselves dealing with our Village Solicitor. So it may be cheaper to adhere to our Ordinances, and take care of your property.

To the residences that have farm animals in the Village please refer to Residence Zoning requirements. You will be receiving letters if you are in violations of our zoning regulations. I know this will be unpopular; I have been receiving complaints from your neighbors about your farm animals. I would like those people who may be in violation of our Zoning please take care of this issue without my intervention. (" I love Animals"). If you don't know whether you're in violation please come to the Village office and get a copy of your zoning requirements, or make an appointment to see me, or come to a Village open meeting 2nd Monday of every month 6:30 PM.

I encourage every citizen of New Holland to come see me, or talk to a Council members when you have a question about your local government decisions.

To all that hide behind a computer screen and spew less than factual information please come to a council meeting, and air your grievances, and get informed.

Thank You
Clair Betzko