

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

***SUMMERTIME!!!!*** The “relaxing” season most of us look forward to and enjoy. No snow and ice, warmer weather and late nights enjoying those front porches and patios. This year, the city will not have much time to enjoy that relaxation as we have many projects gearing up to start to bring some of our infrastructure forward.

***WATER METERS.....***About a year ago we applied for a Grant funded thru the State of Ohio to replace some of our water meters. We were awarded this Grant and will begin replacing **528** of our broken and oldest meters. We are working with a contractor to quickly complete this work. If you see a strange car or truck with magnets on the doors with the City of Gallipolis Logo and also the company name ***VEPO SOLUTIONS***, let us reassure you – ***they are supposed to be there and they are working for us.***

***BLUE FOUNTAIN LIFT STATION....*** Along with the Water Meter Grant, we also applied to receive Grant Funding to completely renovate the Blue Fountain Lift Station. Thanks to the State of Ohio, we also received funding to complete this long overdue renovation. Supply Chain issues is currently holding up the start of this project, but we are hoping that all supplies and parts needed are in and work can begin in July or August.

Many of you may be hearing talk of ***Water Main Line Replacement.*** We are currently waiting to hear if we will receive Grant Monies and Loan Forgiveness for this project. This project is critical to our Water Infrastructure as our Water Main is very old. With replacing this line, many of the huge water breaks we have had in the past should be alleviated.

Many activities will be taking place this summer in our City Park. We try to keep the calendar on our website updated with all of the activities for a quick reference. A few of the upcoming ones are ***River Rec (4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration), Catfish Tournaments, Gospel Sings, the Hoop Project and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday's just to name a few.*** We invite everyone to come out and enjoy that **BEAUTIFUL** City Park

***THE CITY POOL.....*** Just a quick update. We, like everyone else, is wanting that Swimming Pool open!!! We appreciate everyone's patience as we work thru the process of our filter room rehab. Some of the needed equipment has come in but unfortunately, due to the Supply Chains, we are still waiting for a few critical needed things. Let us assure you – we are diligently staying on our contractor for updates and timelines and we will provide updates on openings as soon as the rehab is complete.

***The city has a lot going on this summer and we are asking for and appreciate your patience with all of our projects***

