

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

May 8, 2023

At the last meeting during the Manager's Report, I said that the effort to re-start Project Action had started. There will be focus groups this week. The expectation is that the focus groups will come up with challenges that will be addressed at a summit on June 12. This is an effort to identify the challenges and determine how State and Local resources can best work together to help move Springfield forward.

I received a call from VTRANS about the Exit 7 work. Months ago, representatives from VTRANS presented the project and discussed options for the Toonerville Trail. The option that they prefer is to relocate the trail beyond the Route 5 intersection to along Route 11 and 5, with a green buffer. I again indicated that the Town is not happy with this option. There is also a question about a slip lane. Since there are remaining questions, I asked VTRANS to come discuss the project again, especially how the trail is impacted, at the next Board meeting.

The Water Project along Clinton Street is moving along. There was one issue where a valve opening caused a problem at the Correctional Facility. This was discussed at the monthly project meeting and the hope is that this situation will not reoccur.

The Town is losing a very valuable employee. Rick Chambers, Superintendent of Water and Wastewater, has given his notice. Rick has done wonderful work for the Town for over 25 years. He's been through the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and multiple water projects. Rick will be greatly missed.