

VILLAGE OF CONVOY

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2022 State of the Village Address

To: Residents of the Village of Convoy
Clerk Treasurer – Kelly Schlemmer
Village Council Members -

February 2nd, 2023

President - Neil Orsbon Patti Cramer Chris Bolenbaugh
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Snow and ice season is here and the crews are doing a great job keeping the streets and sidewalks clean. The Board of Public Affairs, Village Council, Kelly Schlemmer, Fiscal Officer and I would like to thank Village employees, Kelly Schlemmer, Jeff Myers, Terry Crowle, Steve Haggerty, Police Chief Charles Howe, Gerald Balliet Jr., Zoning Inspector, Fire Chief Gary Kreisler and all of our EMI/Firefighters, for doing a great job, keep up the terrific work.

In 2022 The Board of Public Affairs, Board President Mike Kreisler, Steve Cramer and Don Duncan had to manage many projects for our sewer system and are preparing for a sewer system update, as well as fixing broke down pipes for our permit requirements. Wessler Engineering along with the board are preparing for some major projects in the village. Terry has been managing the waste water treatment plant and tending to various updates that have been required. He will be inspecting for sump pumps and making sure all the sump pumps are properly hooked into proper tiles or surfaces for run off water in all houses that sell and/or change occupants for compliance to the villages ordinances. On the water side, Terry has maintained the proper water samples and testing for the wells, while repairing hydrants, water leaks and making taps for 2 newly constructed houses.

The street department is busy with snow and ice removal this winter season. Jeff was busy in summer and fall with replacing a 12” storm tile from Maple Street to Tully Street. He also installed a few more catch basins where needed in town. Along with the usual sweeping the streets, cleaning out catch basins, spraying weeds and mowing, the street department maintains the streets by keeping them clean and picked up. Please do your part, help keep Convoy looking good by cleaning up around your houses and adhering to the village ordinances. Tully Street has been designated as a snow route, please remove vehicles during snow events.

The Convoy Fire Department completed the 122nd year of service and the EMS just completed its 47th year of service to our community. In 2022 there were 238 runs down a little from 2021), which 161 were for EMS runs, while transporting 143 patients to Van Wert Health, Parkview Regional, Adams County in Decatur, Lima Memorial, St. Rita’s Med center and Lutherans Hospitals, 17 for motor vehicle accidents. There were 25 fire runs, 3 odor investigations, 12 service call and 2 severe weather spot checks. Currently the dept. has 21 volunteer members with 6 being Firefighter/EMT’s 6 being EMT’s, 3 being advanced EMT’s. Our Volunteer Fire Departments Firefighters and EMT’s maintain a high standard of training at the department, putting in 365 hours training, while attending 14 classes at the fire station. They acquire and maintain certifications to serve the community with knowledge and professionalism. The department will hold their annual All U Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on February 4th from 6:00AM to 1:00PM. It will again be at Edgewood Park Building. Come out and get a great pancake breakfast.

The Villages Zoning Commissioner JR. Balliet issued 38 permits in 2022, totaling \$991,634 for investment around our community. We would remind citizens you must apply for a building permit for sheds, siding, fencing, roofing, decks, windows, new additions and numerous other projects in the Village of Convoy. It is always nice to see the construction and upgrades being done in Convoy.

Convoy Village Square, has come a long way in a short period of time. We would like to thank the committee, Neil Orsbon, Vicki Saylor and Bill Dull for the tireless work they have put into the park, and all the volunteers that have helped with this project. We have received numerous donations from residents and local groups for the park. Look for more improvements to be made in 2023. Thank you to the Van Wert County Commissioners who awarded to the village \$15,000 of the American Rescue Funds for the Village Square. This will be a big help in maintaining the Village Square. We are still accepting donations for this park project, please contact the village office for specifics on donating.

I look forward to representing the Village of Convoy for 2023. I welcome any suggestions and/or concerns you as residents have. Our board and council meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 5 P.M./7:00 PM respectively and are open to the public. I would invite you to attend these meetings to keep up with what is happening in the Village of Convoy. I also may be reached by leaving a message with Kelly Schlemmer at the Village Office or by calling my cell phone 419-203-3213.

Respectfully,



Timothy A Bolenbaugh, Mayor