

## Ottoville Council approves purchase of nearly 12 acres

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OTTOVILLE — The Village Council approved the purchase of 11.757 acres of Niedecken property in the Industrial Park and will utilize the property for commercial development. The land costs \$7,000 per acre, bringing the total purchase price close to \$82,300.

Council also approved auditing the Village's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 6.07, regarding the use of personal employee information. Policy violations associated with unauthorized use of personal information, will result in discipline up to and including termination of employment.

Village council members passed the annual agreement with Monterey Township Trustees for the use of the public library, housed at 349 Wayne St., and the reimbursement of a portion of the yearly electric bill at \$1,400 per year.

Council member Tony Langhals addressed the absence of the flashing stop light and the danger at the 3-way intersection where route's 66 and 224 meet. Since the storm in June, which took down the flashing light, management of the traffic at the intersection has become perilous. The installation of a new flashing light or any other cautionary mechanisms depends upon approval from the state.

Guest Sam Bonifas spoke with council asking for permission to utilize a portion — 500 feet — of the old canal bank for a section of The Buckeye Trail. The trail, which is designed to link the four corners of Ohio, is a continuous looping hiking trail of 1,444 miles encircling the state. Vertical blue markings painted on trees and utility poles every few hundred feet, delineate the trail.

The Board of Public Affairs reported the installation of the portable lift station on Route 66 will be completed this coming week. Also addressed was the contracting of sludge cake removal from the wastewater facility. Quazar Energy Group gave a \$4.59 per gallon or \$200 per load to treat and remove the waste, which can be used as fertilizer.

The Fire Department's station is in need of renovations and includes interior painting of the floor

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and walls and replacement of existing metal walls. The total anticipated cost for the work is \$25,000 to \$26,000.

The next council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 19.

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