

City of Willoughby Hills

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Robert M. Weger, Mayor

November 13, 2017

RE: Update on Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Closure

I wanted to advise our residents in the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge area of the repair update that will facilitate the bridge being opened. I had previously communicated (via newspaper box mail distribution) that on October 29, 2017, the Lake County Engineer's Office performed a bridge inspection and found it to be unsafe, closing it immediately. On Tuesday, October 31, 2017, Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss met with U.S. Bridge (upon recommendation of the Lake County Engineer) who recommended replacing the six bearing plates on the east side of the bridge, which had slid off of the foundation.

On November 6, 2017, U.S. Bridge provided the City with a quote of \$28,885 to provide the necessary labor, equipment and materials to perform the repair. I immediately sent it to Council to approve the expenditure. Once the contract is signed, it takes approximately thirty days to receive the parts. U.S. Bridge will then be able to start the work. I would hope this would be late December with completion in early January.

Since Council has the right to waive Public Bidding for any contract under \$50,000, I asked them to do so now for the health, safety and welfare of our residents who utilize this bridge regularly. Given the impending weather conditions, I believe it is prudent to get this project done as soon as possible to allow our residents the safety of travelling a lesser distance by way of use of the bridge.

Council has scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this issue. You are welcome to come and ask their consideration in passing this expenditure ordinance as soon as possible. I believe a Special Meeting of Council to actually consider passage of this ordinance will be scheduled on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, but has not yet been confirmed. Please feel free to call City Hall (440-946-1234) or visit our website at www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov for an update on meeting dates and times to determine how Council plans to act on this important issue. I have urged them immediate passage, however, your input is important, too. All Council members' contact information is also listed on the website.

I will keep you apprised as things progress. Please call me at 440-339-8046 if you have any other questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Weger, Mayor/Safety Director

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