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The downturn of our nation's economy did not leave the City of Wauseon unaffected. Layoffs and cuts in job hours by local businesses led to deficits in our 2009 budget due to a lower tax base.

In an effort to be proactive we felt it necessary to make several cuts to balance the budget.

Most notable were:

- The cessation of the unlimited trash drop off. This saved the city the cost of disposing the trash collected and employee overtime pay.
- The 70 year old swimming pool in Reighard Park was closed due to crumbling pool walls and deteriorated infrastructure causing a potential safety issue for swimmers and annual operating deficits.
- The purchase of a quality used bucket truck for the Public Works Department saved an estimated \$50,000.00 compared to the cost of a new one.
- Employee wage freezes.
- Significant cuts in the 2010 Budget.

However, all of the events in 2009 were not negative, some of the positives we enjoyed were:

- Fulton Street Café and Grisier Interiors are both a welcome addition to Downtown Wauseon.
- The opening of O'Reilly Auto Parts.
- The opening of Aaron's Furniture.
- The state of the art Primary and Middle School as well as a new all weather running track.
- The relocation of the HP2G to Wauseon.
- The opening of Urgent Care Wauseon.
- A new addition to Sara's Garden.
- Construction began at Wauseon Senior Village, which when completed will be 48 housing units.
- The opening and dedication of the Dorothy B. Biddle Park, which through the leadership of the Wauseon Rotary Club will serve our

community for many years to come, as well as bring thousands of people to our community for baseball, softball, soccer and football games and tournaments.

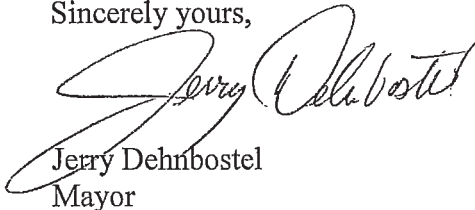
- The tennis courts in Reighard Park were rebuilt through a donation from Dorothy Biddle.
- Negotiations with the Ohio EPA allowed us to revise our CSO Elimination Plan, while still meeting State and Federal requirements we were able to save the citizens of Wauseon and estimated \$10,000,000.
- Franklin Street between Oak and Walnut Street was rebuilt. A CSO eliminated and gravity drainage was provided for the area.
- The sidewalk repair and replacement program was continued.
- The City received a \$30,000.00 grant for new sidewalks.
- The City received a \$350,000.00 grant for downtown improvements.
- New Parking area for the tennis courts.

As with any successful organization the accomplishments of 2009 could not have been possible without the time and efforts of many people.

I would like to extend my sincere "thank you" to the Wauseon City Council, Department Heads and all City Employees for their dedication.

As we move into 2010, it is important that we all work toward a common goal, which should be the success of the City of Wauseon, Ohio. It will take a tremendous amount of cooperation and the focus of all concerned.

Sincerely yours,



Jerry Dehnbostel
Mayor