

Mayor's Corner
October 19, 2016

I am writing this note to the citizens of Harrington to ask for your support in the upcoming referendum on funding water system improvements. The importance of this cannot be understated. In the last three years, we have completed much needed repairs and improvements to the sewer system. The water system is also in need of repairs and updating for increased quality and safety. We have worked to improve our financial situation by cutting our debt by close to one million dollars and saving treatment costs by repairing inflow and infiltration into the sewer system. In addition, separating the water, sewer, and general funds means each division pays for its own activities.

Approving this referendum will NOT raise rates. About 49% of the funding for the water system improvement projects will be from principal forgiveness from DNREC and a grant from the USDA. The Council and I feel that it would be irresponsible not to complete infrastructure repairs. These upgrades are necessary for the growth of this city in both job opportunities, lifestyle, and neighborhood revitalization. I am very proud of the way the Council has supported my vision for the past three years; a lot of tough and unpopular decisions have had to be made to move this City forward, but they were the right choices. We will be one of the very few municipalities to have repaired our infrastructure and are ready for what opportunities await us in the future. Kicking the can down the road has stopped in Harrington.

More information on the referendum is available on the City's website, <http://harrington.delaware.gov>. Please vote FOR THE PROPOSED BORROWING on October 25, 2016. Thank you for your support.

Mayor A.R. Moyer