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March 3, 2011

Eric Fulcomer, President  
Bluffton Village Council  
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Mr. Fulcomer & Members of Village Council:

I am writing to ask about the RUSTY WATER SITUATION at the west end of Sunset Drive. We have had to tolerate this since the water changes took place in the village. We believed what we read in the paper and were told at meetings we attended that the WATER SITUATION in the village would be taken care of by the purchase of the water from Ottawa. Nothing was ever mentioned about the EXCEPTIONS such as the RUSTY WATER we are experiencing on Sunset Drive. I have spoken with several neighbors who also are dealing with this on a daily basis. And, I am presuming that all dead end streets in the Village are also seeing rust frequently.

When I have called City Hall and spoken with Mr. Mehaffie to say that the water is exceptionally RUSTY, he has sent a city worker out almost immediately to flush the system and I appreciate that very much. However, for this to occur, a personal call for assistance has been needed. The workers do come intermittently to flush but it is not enough to take care of the rust on a consistent basis. We also took in some samples to demonstrate exactly what we are dealing with. I could also bring some of our white clothing that has been affected.

When I have spoken directly with Mr. Mehaffie, he has told me that since we live on a dead end street, this is the reason the water can hover and remain rusty for long periods of time as it has no place to circulate because we are not looped. He also said that it would cost several thousand dollars to resolve the problem and that at the moment the city does not have the money for this project. My personal belief is that this is the main reason our RUSTY WATER situation has not been addressed and resolved. I would be interested to know how many of your homes are experiencing this challenge. And, if it is occurring, how quickly do you believe this would be resolved?

I would like to explore this issue with The Village Council so that you can give me some information as to when this RUSTY WATER SITUATION will be resolved.

Thank you for your immediate response.

Sincerely,

Elfrieda Landes Ramseyer  
175 Sunset Drive  
Bluffton, OH 45817 Ph. 419-358-0713





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FRED RODABAUGH, Mayor  
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March 25, 2011

Mrs. Elfrieda Ramseyer  
175 Sunset Drive  
Bluffton, OH 45817

Dear Mrs. Ramseyer:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter, dated March 7, 2011, regarding the high iron content in the water line servicing Sunset Drive. I shared your letter with the other members of Village Council and with the Jamie Mehaffie, Village Administrator. You can be assured that we are aware of the problem; the hindrance to a permanent fix, as you noted, is cost. A permanent fix will involve looping the line, which will require some right-of-way acquisition (in cooperation with AT&T, Bluffton University, and the property owner) and should be done in conjunction with a storm sewer project that also needs to be completed. The total rough estimated cost for this project is \$125,000.

Jamie is in the process of getting firm costs for this project and is also determining if there is a way to do the project in phases (i.e., starting with the water project and then addressing the storm water issue). Once he has firm costs, he will present the information to Village Council and we will determine whether we have the money in the current year's budget to complete this project.

Please know that we want to address this issue as soon as we can.

Sincerely,

Eric W. Fulcomer  
Council President

cc: Mr. Jamie Mehaffie, Village Administrator