

2022 was a year of change in North Perry Village. Our long time Mayor (Ed Klco) and Police Chief (Ron Radovanic) retired and our Service Director (Charlie Laing) and Zoning Inspector (Chris Bernard) moved on to other positions. This led to me being elevated to Acting Mayor, and the hiring of our new police chief, Ron Walters and the creation of a new position, Superintendent of Public Works and the subsequent hiring of Mike Cutler, who also took on the Zoning inspector role, with Wally Siegel as his assistant. While we were appreciative of everything our predecessors accomplished, our goal moving forward into 2023 is better efficiency and accountability in the day to day operations of our government. Our Village has a lot going for it and we want to make sure our residents maintain the standard of living that they've become accustomed to for many years to come.

2022 also brought us a major win when the Village sold the Annex building at 4485 North Ridge Rd to Leppo Rents and welcomed their new business to town. They have quickly become a great addition to the Village and we are ecstatic with the improvements they have made and the jobs that they have brought to the once dormant building.

Finally, 2022 brought a new level of cooperation between the North Perry Village Police Department and the Perry Police Department with a shared staffing agreement. With the increasingly difficult environment of staffing a full-time police force, Chief Walters and Chief Hager recognized and implemented a cooperative effort to ensure 24-7 coverage in both entities at all times. This ensures the safety and security of our residents at the level in which they are accustomed.

Looking forward to 2023, we have a building project on Village Hall to replace our failing ADA accessible ramp, thanks to a County CDBG grant. The Painesville Credit Union has an agreement with the Village to buy land on Route 20 and is planning on building a new branch. We're also excited about an expansion coming to our local business, Tekfab. This addition and added investment into North Perry with its subsequent creation of more jobs is exactly what we like to see in these tough times. And finally, we're really excited for the return of our North Perry Community Picnic slated for July 29. This was an annual event which

was discontinued several years ago over budget constraints. Community members Bryce Tischer and Julie Gilson are organizing and fundraising for the event, which should be a great time for all!

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