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As required by the Ohio Revised code the mayor is required to give a report to council each first meeting of the new year. The year of 2025 has been a year to remember for Malta Village. The year started out with the replacement of water lines on Main Street and parts of Front street. This was funded with grants from the Federal Government and State grants totaling approx. 1.5 million dollars. The company doing the work was not experienced in village work thus several lines were destroyed as they tried to perform the job. The work was completed except for the putting in operation what we are calling well #7. This has not received approval of the Ohio EPA as of yet. An overload of electric at the water treatment plant caused several electric boxes and lines to be burnt and had to be replaced on an emergency basis. These are hurdles that we overcame.

I am pleased to report that the village is in good financial standing. Ashlee has been trained at this point and is doing an excellent job of staying on top of the clerks duties. Angie has done a good job of collecting water and sewer payment and in implementing the plan with the bank where residents can have their payments deducted monthly from their accounts which has eliminated many overdue bills and less shut off notices per month. Jared Balderson has been training Chelsie at the water plant and she will be taking her test this month. Bill has been working on grants to help Malta stay in line with state and federal guide lines. We received a grant to place water fountains and water bottle fill station at the park and office as well as along the new walking path to be installed in 2026. Malta applied for a tree grant but did not receive it this year. Bill was also instrumental in securing a monthly concert on the river held at the river park once a month this was well attend and is expected to continue this year. Also along with this the annual Riverfest was held in Malta with a large attendance. This was well received as it is half way between Zanesville and Marietta and made it accessible for boaters from both directions. Malta also implemented the Hometown Hero project this year. This was well received and approx. 20 banners were put up at the bridge and the round about.

Malta welcomed some new business this year as Schadd Cabinetry purchased the property from Muskingum Valley Grocery and has added two new buildings and is expecting to have a work force of approx. 40 with in this first year. Lang masonry has restored the office building on 13 street and moved their offices into that facility. These new businesses are a welcome site to Malta.

Myself and Bill Smith have been attending the Mayors partnership for progress meetings this past year and these meetings have speakers from different state offices and also give each village a chance to reflect on what is working for them and some of the ways they are using funding to help their village. Malta has received word that the revitalization grant has been award to Malta this year to fund a new walking path, street paving and new sidewalks. This is a funding that will enhance the village and provide outdoor recreation for residents and visitors.

I again would like to congratulate the employees and the council of Malta for a job

well done and thank everyone for their cooperation in making Malta a safer and better place for its residents to live and work.



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