



Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio

2015 First Quarter Report

CASE STUDY:

OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CIRCUIT RIDER

AND

THE VILLAGE OF WEST FARMINGTON

JANUARY, 2015

Zanesville, Ohio: Mr. Dan Patchin, council member for the Village of West Farmington, contacted Circuit Rider One (CR1), Jay Koralewski, with the Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA), requesting assistance in determining an unaccounted for water loss at their water plant. Mr. Koralewski attended a meeting on January 9, 2015 that was held at the water plant. In attendance at this meeting were two Ohio EPA district representatives, newly appointed Mayor Shirley McIntosh, and several newly hired water operators.

The unaccounted water reports for the past two years was documented as about 50 - 60% unaccounted for, although the accuracy of these reports are in question. The CR1 is reviewing the documentation and will work with the new operators on the preparation of these reports.

Also, as weather permits, the CR1 will perform leak detection services throughout the village. It was also determined that several residential water meters needed to be replaced. The meter at the water plant needed to be checked for accuracy and relocated so that it would provide accurate readings.

Mayor McIntosh and Councilman Patchin were very grateful for ORWA's assistance and ongoing help with the village's water system.

Whether it is fixing water leaks, troubleshooting sewage systems, completing testing requirements, training local administrators, protecting drinking water, keeping up with new regulations, or mediating between local communities and regulatory agencies, ORWA is able to solve problems for rural water and wastewater utilities.

The Ohio Rural Water Association was founded in 1976, with the goal of improving the quality of life in rural Ohio. With funding primarily through membership dues and federal grants, ORWA offers free on-site technical support to water and wastewater systems, both large and small. This includes: assistance with the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment plants; source water protection planning; and distribution system troubleshooting such as leak detection, smoke testing, line locating, and sewer line inspecting. ORWA also offers training opportunities on the operation, management, finance, and governance of water and wastewater utilities.

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