

# final thoughts...

"Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## Office Report

The next Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be February 23rd at 3:15.

The next Front Line Safety video will be February 9th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Visitors in the last two weeks included Joshua Hoffmeister with Hoffcomp, Paul Hurley with HD Supply, Doug Martin, Tim Baer with Baer Engineering, Cindy Hoekel with Hartford Steam Boiler, and Mike Koby with Heath Consultant.

Congratulations to Mark and Lori Brown on their wedding on January 9th.

## Happy Birthdays in January:

Van Pingel 16<sup>th</sup>

Linda Chappius 19<sup>th</sup>

Happy Anniversary: Jesse Whistler 8 years

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

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# What's In The Works And More!

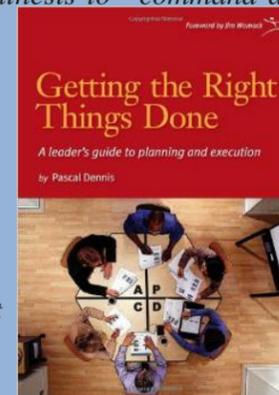
## Hoshin Kanri: Strategy Deployment

*I read a lot. I usually have three books going at the same time. I have a secret reading spot at home where I read Star Trek novels. Yes, I am that geek. I have a book that I read while traveling and then I have a book (or two) that I read while working. Recently, I completed a book called "Getting the Right Things Done". An amazing book where the art of hoshin kanri is described and explained. This term comes from Toyota and it is the planning and execution system that has guided their development into the world's most powerful production system.*

*Strategy deployment will focus and align your activities, and allow you to respond quickly to threats and opportunities. Moreover, it's a human system. People respond because it acknowledges their individuality. With strategy deployment, we don't tell – we ask questions. We don't command – we engage. Our people are not human resources – they're HUMAN resources. This is the antithesis to "command and control".*

*I have read this and may read it again. I am going to ask our superintendents to read this and perhaps we can learn from this and adopt some of these principles into our customer service system.*

*Hopefully, you will hear more about our experience later!*



## From the Director:

As most of you know, we recently opened the PPW Hall of Fame, known as LEGENDS.



Certainly, one of the coolest things that I have ever been associated with, and something that has drawn so much positive interest from the general public. Some have asked me how we picked the first two inductees and I really have no answer, it just seemed like the right two to me. Many have asked how we will pick the next two or three inductees and again, I have no real great answer. Brenda and I have been working for almost a year identifying those who came before and built such a great foundation. We are still working. We have a list of our heroes but I am sure that there are still some gaps. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Give us a hand and tell us about the people you may have known or been related to or heard stories about. We are thinking that we will fill the hall with inductees one day and that is a great thing. I think we will try to induct a small class each year so they can get the proper recognition. It would be easy to find 10 or 12 but I think 2 or 3 a year is the right number. Who they may be, I have no idea but you can help!

## Salute!

I am not trying to either sell papers or get people to read them. I am a subscriber because I like to read and I think we are fortunate to have a great twice weekly paper in Perryville.

Last week, the headline read: "Perryville Public Works team". I couldn't have been prouder and I think that all of us on the TEAM should share that pride. Plenty of folks have mentioned to me how they see us working together in the community, across division lines, in our best effort to provide great services to our customers. The paper even recognizes it!

I know that in *Miracle of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street* they say that if the US Postal service recognizes it, then it must be true. I am thinking that if the Republic Monitor recognizes it, then it must be true! Thanks TEAM!



The gas division has been helping out with the trash pickup due to the incumbent weather conditions. They have also been moving the auction stuff to Public Works from City Hall and the Police department. We have called in locates for Maple Grove Trailer Park, so we can start installing the gas main and services. Our new leak detector for leak survey has arrived, so I will be contacting the sales rep to set up training on it so we can put it in service. The gas division completed their monthly training for the month of January. We have installed three new meter sets and put them in service. DeRossett Co has ordered the two new Odorizers for the Take Point. I am in the progress of meeting with USDI to schedule a date for the installation of the line stops and cut in the two meters needed for sending a pulse to the Odorizers so they operate properly.

## Water and Sewer Update

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The water and sewer crew had an easy two week period over the holiday's checking only four of the twenty one lift station. AT&T has restored service to seventeen lift stations the week before Christmas. Projected projects for 2015 are sewer main relining, main extension on Dog Wood Court, manhole replacement at the Park, meter change out, radio alarm system for the lift stations, start up of the generators that were purchased in 2014, hydrant flushing program, valve operating program and a sewer jetting program.

Lift stations were checked as usual with staff performing daily cleaning and checks. We responded to one after hour call out to jet a sewer main and two after hour calls for gas checks. The two inch meter at the old Junior High School was replaced after 27 years of service. The three inch meter at the High School was replaced 75 years of service. Staff responded to a call for sewer odor at 840 Hume St and located the problem on the home owner's side. Staff is preparing to abandon the old two inch cast that broke the end of December on Forest with a new 1 1/2 inch poly service line. The old cast main has deteriorated to a point that is beyond repair.

Staff jetted three sewers and checked three no water calls that were frozen on the customers side. We found a leak off of the street. Staff unloaded the new mixing equipment for the water towers and stored in the building at West End lift station. Staff rebuilt two check valves on Dog Wood Ct. We were called out to Sereno water tower where the pressure transmitter had froze and dropped their tank. We thawed the lines and insulated the pit and ground. This spring we will make permanent repairs. Staff was called out on 1-10 for water leak repairs at Drury and Gray Street, and a possible leak at Smith Street.

### NATURAL GAS SAVINGS COMPARISONS

We will try to have more recent price comparisons in this corner but we will start with this:

#### Energy Value Comparison for 1 million BTUs (July 2014)

- **Natural Gas** - \$7.46 per 1Mcf / MM btu
- **Electricity** - \$28.28 @ \$0.1005 per kwh x 293.083 kwh / MM btu
- **Propane** - \$36.79 @ \$3.17 per gal. x10.917 gal / MM btu

Interesting, eh?

## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – On hold for winter  
Conc & Curb Repairs – Edgemont in the works

### Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Design

### WWTP

Sand Filter Repairs – On hold  
Engineering study – awarded and started

### Water Plant

New UV – in final design

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Elevated tank painting – postponed till March 15

Water study recommendations – in engineering



### Water Plant >>>

Howdy! We have been busy keeping things thawed out! We have calibrated all our turbidimeters, installed new bleach pump at well 4, rebuilt a booster, installed new polymer pump, installed new chlorine scale, and rebuilt

The chlorine gas injectors and fixed bad line at the Sereno tank level sensor. Stay warm Ya'll.



## Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

*The Refuse Department: We are busy picking up trash, recycling, and yard waste bags.*

### Maintenance Department

We finished the wall in the compressor room, so we can hang a gas furnace. Now the gas department can run a line to the furnace. We have some service to do. We are working on changing the bed on truck #701 from leaf to salt spreader. We are going to work on organizing the upstairs, since we had the auction. We found the salt spreader for truck #701 was locked up, due to rust flywheel. We had to order parts. We replaced the broom on the street sweeper.



### Street Department

*We worked on brush in all three wards. We spread gravel on alleys and mowed bags at the landfill. We got our snow and ice equipment ready for the incoming ice and snow storm. We cleaned our buildings.*

*We got everything together for the auction.*

### Airport:

*We cleaned FBO office. We checked the t-hanger doors for security.*

### Storm water:

*We cleaned catch boxes through out the city.*

### Waste Water Plant

Aloha from the tropical paradise at the Wastewater Plant! We have all the cocktails you can drink! We may even be able to find a couple used straws! We have repaired a couple air leaks that have saved us a lot of air and allowed us to slow down our blower and hopefully save some electric! We have been hauling some leachate, shocking sand filter, and cross training in the lab. Thanks to the Gas and Water Department's for helping dig/fix the air line leaks. Stay warm.



## Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

As we begin a new year, I am beginning to implement my annual plan for the Building Department. As I stated in the plan, the list of goals for my department is an ambitious one, however, they are all very important to achieve in the near future. I have begun to modernize the permit forms and will begin the process of making them "writeable" PDF's in order for the permits to be filled out on-line and submitted electronically. I have also taken several carbon copy forms, only available in my office, and have made digital copies that will be available on-line as well. All of the forms will require an email address in order for me to email approved permits, inspection results, and any other required correspondence with property owners, architects and contractors. This allows all parties involved to be up to date on any information and issues that may arise on the jobsite. Bringing the building department into 2015 is one of my top priorities. Communication is key in my department and I believe the implementation of electronic permit forms will go a long way to keeping those lines open.