Auditor's Outreach Program

Presentation to Fairfield Township Trustees

August 8, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

(2nd/4th Wednesday monthly, Twp Admin Bldg., 6032 Morris Rd) Trustees: Shannon Hartkemeyer, Susan Berding & Joe McAbee

Fiscal Officer: Shelly Schultz **Administrator**: Julie Vonderhaar

Intro: Julie Joyce-Smith, Deputy Auditor, BC Auditor 3rd Quarter 2018 Talking Points

Street Level Imaging:

Tyler Technologies field staffers are still conducting our street level imaging project as part of our 2020 property reappraisal. The six-phase project began in early April in Morgan Township and has moved to Liberty and West Chester townships. We now have up to six white vans taking photos.

The imaging crews are expected to be in the county for approximately <u>five to six months</u>. During that time they will be in constant communication with the Auditor's Office. Information concerning their routes will be provided to 911 dispatch centers.



Fuel Quality Testing

Auditor Reynolds is pressing the state Legislature to implement a fuel quality testing program and as part of that allow county Auditors to test fuel for octane level, as well as water and sediment. We have worked up sample legislation.

Nick Schwab of Reily Township has spoken with the Butler County Farm Bureau and Gary Salmon spoke to the legislative committee of the Ohio Township Association on Aug. 2 in support. We are hoping to get state support from both of those organizations.

Ohio is one of only three states in the nation, along with Alaska and Nebraska, that doesn't have a fuel quality testing program in place.

More than 10 years ago, Ohio allowed for fuel quality testing with the passage of amended House Bill 67. But the law, now codified in ORC 1327.70 stipulated fuel quality testing had to be uniformly implemented by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The funding never followed, however, and neither did a statewide testing program.

Skimmer Update:

We found two more skimmers in late June 2018. We are now at 22. Mobil on Dixie in Fairfield (now closed) and the BP in Ross. Hamilton County recently found 2 skimmers recently that they believe are related to the skimmer found at the BP in Ross Twp.

Property tax bills

Second half Property tax bills were due to the Treasurer's Office by Aug. 2. The tax settlement and distribution to local governments will occur near the end of August / Sept. (9-15 deadline)