To:

Town of Mount Olive Board of Governors

Subject:

Town Board Issues:

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Mr. Mayor:

We observed that construction is completed on the east side of the railroad track on Center Street between Hillsboro and Elizabeth streets.  We are concerned that the Town of Mount Olive is planning another drainage ditch to move water along this area. You acknowledged this problem in one of our Mayor advisory group meetings and stated you were going to get it filled in immediately because it was so close to the road that it also proposed a potential safety hazard.  That was at least six months ago and we have seen no progress.

1. We absolutely do not need another ditch in our area.  This petition is our neighborhood request that the town install drain tile and catch basins to transpose this water.
2. We already have open ditches all along the south end of Church Street and are being told the town cannot do anything about it because that section of the street is under the jurisdiction of the DOT.

We are requesting that drain tiles be installed instead of opening additional drainage ditches; this is especially true along Hillsboro and Center Streets and along Center Street between Pollock and Maple.

of the flooding issue in this portion of the city, the Town of Mount Olive is imposing a real threat of mildew and mold to the foundation of the homes in this area.  As is well known, many forms of mold are very dangerous and life threating.  Due diligence needs to be applied here to right this grievous wrong.  Additionally these open ditches pose a threat to the atmosphere, town beautification, and vehicle accidents, posing a danger to our citizens and especially our children.

Additionally there is a section of Church Street between Slocomb and Korengay streets that tree roots have created several humps. Traffic heading south has to move over in the north bound traffic lane to avoid the bumps.  Again you advised the concerned citizens you would have the Town Manager fix the problem. Is this being corrected or swept under the carpet?

POC:

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1. We have made progress on:
   1. General cleanup
   2. Abandoned cars
   3. Junk accumulation
2. There is no communication on the more weighty issues nor is there any evidence they have been addressed at all.

Bring up at Oct Town Board meeting:

1. Complete repairs to manholes and sidewalks?
   1. A walk through revealed that 75% of the installed drains are completely blocked
2. Storm drains in disrepair:  Water still stands on East Center Street between Elizabeth and Korengay
   1. The north end of town is improving where the south end appears to be stagnant
   2. Is there a prioritization system?
   3. What’s the timeline for execution or are they on the calendar at all?
3. Request strategy to:
   1. Bring the infrastructure (sidewalks, catch basins, drainage tiles) on the South end of town up to the standards the North End enjoys
   2. Close in ditches in close proximity to residence
      1. 2-year plan -- Complete least 2-streets per year ( starting with Pollock street moving south
      2. 5 year plan
   3. Communicate to all so we can be informed and convinced our tax dollars are being used in our community and not just to fix up the northern portion of town
4. Resolution on fencing off the drainage Catch Basin near the Carver cemetery.
   1. The plastic fence installed does little to keep our children safe
   2. Need a security fence that will help keep them out

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Robert King, President            Hobert Yates, Vice President

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TOWN MANAGERS RESPONSE

RESPONSE TO CONCERNED CITIZENS LIST DELIVERED BY HOBART YATES ON  
MONDAY, DEC.7, 2015

1.      THE TOWN INTENDS TO CONTINUE DITCH WORK EAST OF SOUTH  
CHURCH ST AND SOUTH OF FRANKLIN STREET, BUT NOT UNTIL WE  
GET DRIER WEATHER IN THE SPRING

2.      CLOSING DITCHES CUTS DOWN DRAMATICALLY ON THE AMOUNT OF  
WATER A DITCH CAN HANDLE AND MAY RESULT IN INCREASED  
FLOODING NOT LESS

3.      3.1. .. THE TOWN RECEIVED A PROPOSAL LAST YEAR FOR AN  
ENGINEERING SURVEY FOR THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF MOUNT  
OLIVE. THE ESTIMATE WAS $25,000.00. THE DECISION WAS MADE WITH  
INPUT FROM THE CONCERNED CITIZENS TO SPEND THAT MONEY  
DOING WORK ON DITCHES IN SOUTH MOUNT OLIVE. THAT WAS AN  
UNBUDGETED EXPENSE BUT WE FOUND A WAY TO PAY FOR IT.

4.      WE HAVE APPLIED FOR A PLANNING GRANT FOR SIDEWALKS. IF WE  
ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THIS GRANT, WE HOPE TO USE THIS  
STUDY TO DETERMINE THE MOST FERASIBLE PLAN FOR SIDEWALKS IN  
SOUTH MOUNT OLIVE AND FIND A WAY TO FUND THEM

5.      SAME AS #2 CLOSING IN DITCHES CUTS DOWN DRAMATICALLY ON  
HOW MUCH WATER A DITCH CAN HANDLE. WE HAVE FOUND FROM  
EXPERIENCE THAT ALMOST DITCHES THAT HAVE COVERED HAVE  
CAUSED PROBLEMS WITH WATER BACKUPS AND CAVE INS

6.      THIS WILL REQUIRE A FAIR AMOUNT OF STUDY TO DETERMINE IF ITS  
FEASIBLE ... NOT SAYING IT CAN'T BE DONE, WE JUST NEED TO LOOK  
AT IT.

7.      SOUTH CHURCH STREET IS A NCDOT STREET. DOT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED  
REPEATEDLY OF THIS ISSUE. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR A  
SOLUTION. JILES HARRELL (jpharrell@ncdot.gov) IS THE DISTRICT  
ENGINEER FOR DISTRICT 3; MARCUS LEE (malee@ncdot.gov) IS THE  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ENGINEER. BOTH CAN BE REACHED AT (919) 739-  
5300.

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