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Mayor designates City Engineer to coordinate stimulus effort
Millions in federal aid could flow into Canton coffers

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy announced Monday that he has designated City Engineer Dan Moeglin (MEG-lin) to coordinate his administration’s efforts to secure federal dollars from President Obama’s recently-approved stimulus plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) promises to distribute hundreds of billions of dollars in federal aid to help stabilize the national economy and create nearly 3.5 million jobs.

“I am confident that Dan Moeglin is the best person for this job,” Healy said. “With so many cities and other organizations applying for assistance, we need to make sure that Canton has an experienced voice throughout this process. Dan has that experience, and I look forward to working alongside him to make sure our community receives the support it needs.”

Moeglin has extensive experience dealing with both the federal and state governments to secure major funding for transportation and infrastructure projects. He has already submitted several requests on behalf of the City of Canton during the current stimulus effort prior to being designated as the City’s official coordinator.

“I am honored to have been given this important task,” Moeglin said. “It will not be easy, but we will not stop trying until the last penny has been distributed.”

Moeglin will work closely with department heads and administration officials to oversee the application process, and will assist when the Mayor lobbies state and federal officials. Both men will be meeting with the state’s top stimulus coordinator as well as the office of Congressman John Boccieri (D-Alliance) in the coming days, though no formal meeting dates have been set.

Healy said that his administration intends to request funds from as many available programs as possible, noting that many local projects have slowed or been put on hold due to the stagnant economy. At the top of this list are infrastructure and economic development projects that promise to create the largest amount of local jobs.

Moeglin will continue in his normal capacity as City Engineer while taking on the extra responsibilities during the stimulus application period but will not receive additional salary during this time.

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