BUILDING/PLANNING:

The Planning Board will be having a Public Hearing next Tuesday, February 26th, to discuss updates to chapters 150 and 153 in regard to Accessory Dwellings. In addition, public comment will be heard regarding changes to ordinances pertaining to Tow Yards. If approved by the board, both of these will be on the March 5th agenda for council approval. In addition to the items described in the public hearing, the board will be discussing three large scale development plans. La Bodega Wholesale Foods, Hi Tech Chiropractic and Highway 112 Apartments.

STREETS/PARKS:

Now that the Klenc Road project is complete, except for some finish work to be performed by the county, our next focus will be on E. Fletcher Road. As most of you know, we were planning on doing the dirt work on this project ourselves. However, our resident equipment operator, Joe Clark is leaving us this week. It is my recommendation that we go ahead and put the western portion, Piazza to Laura Lane out to bid. We were given the easement on this section of road and have begun moving some dirt. I would like to see this section completed in a timely manner. The other section, from Industrial to Hwy. 112 can be constructed at a later date, possibly in conjunction with a development project.

As we discussed last month, in order to qualify for funding to upgrade our tennis courts we need to have a set of engineered drawings. I contacted an engineer and had hoped to have a cost estimate for you tonight for that work. However, I have not yet received that information.

WATER & SEWER:

I'm sure most of you have noticed that the water tank is standing. However, it is basically spot welded in place. The contractor had to rent a very big and very expensive crane to lift the sections to their specific locations. This was completed very quickly in order to have the crane on-site for the least amount of time. The next step is to weld all of the seams up solid. This will take some time and decent weather to accomplish. I have received one call asking if this big ugly tank is going to be painted. The answer is, of course yes. Once all of the welding is completed, the painting company will prepare the surface and apply the finish coating. The color will be white and will include the City of Tontitown logo.

The Highway 412 West sewer line project is making progress. At this point, I would say they are approximately 25% complete. They have encountered some rock at the lower end of the project which has slowed them down temporarily. If we have some decent weather for the next month, they should be close to finishing the installation.

The water transmission line project is moving along, maybe a little slower that expected. As I mentioned before, by starting at the east end they are dealing with other utilities in their way. Once they get outside of the city limits there will be fewer obstacles to avoid. In the latest application for payment, the contractor listed the percent of contract completed at 20% and the percent of contract time used at almost 32%.