

**News Release
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Village of Leetonia has approved an AMI Water Meter Replacement Program

The Village of Leetonia provides service to approximately 850 customers throughout Leetonia. The Water Meter Replacement Program will be starting in July 2018.

NECO, Cincinnati, OH is the contractor for the meter project. They will provide the product, software and installation for the Village.

Leetonia approved to upgrade all of the outdated Water Meters that have been in the system over 18 years.

The Village plans to implement the Neptune R900 Gateway System. New RF transmitters will be installed at each customer's property. The existing transmitter is located on the outside and can be replaced without needing to get inside.

The R900 Unlicensed RF Transmitters will be installed. The transmitters offer greater distance signal for a more reliable signal. New Gateway Collectors will be installed on the 2 Village Tower locations.

The Neptune Gateway offers a better system to both the Village Utility Department and the customer. The Utility Department will be able to evaluate the additional information to better support its customers. The system will offer hourly meter readings to provide improved data for water leak detection evaluation. If a potential water leak is identified, the Village can notify the customer as soon as it is found by the reading system.

To complete the meter replacement project, NECO will be sending letters to schedule appointments for Water Meter & Transmitter installations. Starting in July, the crews will be working in specific areas to complete the upgrade. Replacements are expected to take 3-6 months to complete.