

Update

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Metropolitan Industries

Romeoville IL, USA

Romeoville names Metropolitan Industries 2004 Business of the Year

Romeoville Mayor Fred P. Dewald presented Metropolitan Industries' President John Kochan, Jr., the 2004 Business of the Year award during the Romeoville State of the Village address held on January 11, 2005.

"Metropolitan Industries is a perfect example of growth expansion and investment occurring in Romeoville," said Mayor Dewald during the presentation of the award. "They are a respected member of the Romeoville business community."

Since 1990, Metropolitan Industries has seen several expansions doubling the size of their building three times while consistently increasing their market share nationally. In the near future, Metropolitan Industries plans to expand once again to meet the growth and demands of their business.

During the presentation, Mayor Dewald reflected back 14 years ago when he was a village trustee and Metropolitan Industries was the newest member of the Romeoville community. Mayor

Dewald praised Metropolitan Industries for supporting Romeoville during financially difficult times back then when Metropolitan supplied much

needed water and sewage pumps without requiring prompt payment.

"This company supplied us with pumps without asking the village to pay for months," the Mayor said.

"Metropolitan stood steadfast with Romeoville and where this community is today has a lot to do with them," he said. Romeoville now ranks as one of the fastest growing communities in Illinois.

"Business is built on relationships with your employees, your customers and most of all the community you operate in," said Kochan. "Our relationship with Romeoville was established many years ago and will continue to grow with each passing year," he said.



Romeoville Mayor Fred P. Dewald (right) presents the 2004 Business of the Year award to Metropolitan Industries' President John Kochan, Jr. during the State of the Village address on January 11.

facility houses their entire operation including manufacturing, sales, engineering and \$6 million in inventory.

Walk-in sewage valve vaults put city on feet again

The city of Monroe, located 30 miles south of Detroit, has experienced unprecedented growth in the last few years due to a housing and urban development boom requiring public works officials to install or upgrade many municipal wastewater sites around the city.

One result of the population boom was the need for sewage lift stations near developments that would ultimately pump wastewater away from the many houses springing up around the city.

Working with representative Kennedy Industries located in Milford, Mich., Metropolitan was asked to design a solution that met the needs of Monroe. According to Keith Sikaitis, outside salesman at Kennedy Industries who sold the job, Monroe wanted a housed valve system which was easily accessible and serviceable.

"The city wanted something that they could easily work on during a service call by eliminating the need for a serviceman to work on their hands and knees," said Sikaitis.

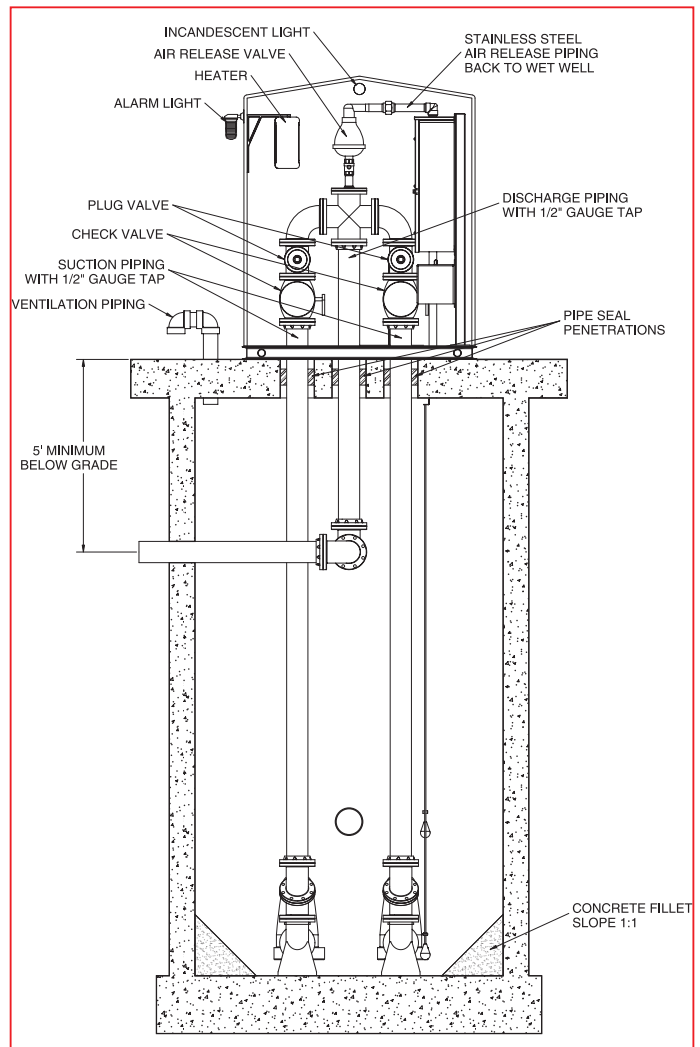
Metropolitan's answer was a walk-in, housed valve station that would ship to the jobsite completely assembled and ready to install above a submersible pump wet well. It would allow public works officials to easily service the system in a climate controlled environment while standing upright versus crawling into a cramped enclosure. The station's neutral color and compact design would blend effortlessly into the landscape without attracting any unwanted attention.

Metropolitan Industries eventually won the bid and immediately went to work constructing the valve station which consisted of an epoxy coated galvanized steel base, insulated housing and all piping components including full flow check valve and ball valve for air release. Accessories included a heater, ventilation blower and NEMA junction box. The station was shipped in April 2004 and was recently installed late last year.

"Metropolitan's walk-in valve stations are gaining popularity as engineers and contractors realize the service advantages of a larger system versus the cramped box-like systems of past generations," said Metropolitan National Sales Associate Tim Laskowski. "The ability to work inside a climate-controlled, sheltered system, especially during a Michigan winter, has its advantages," he said.

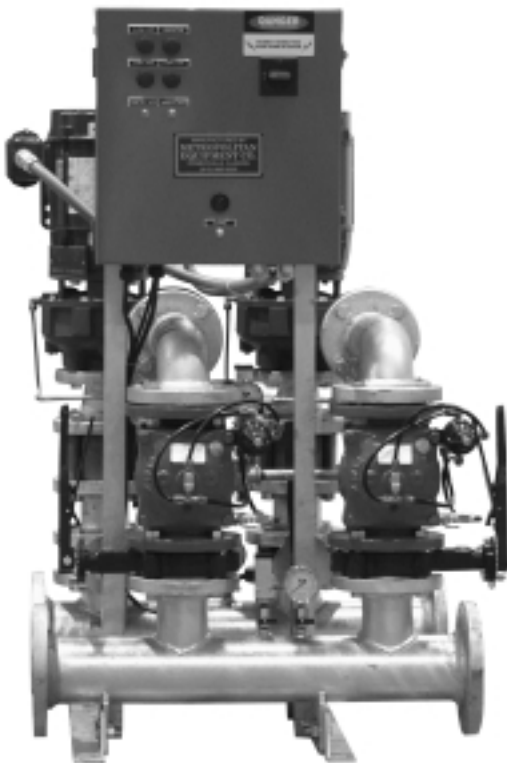
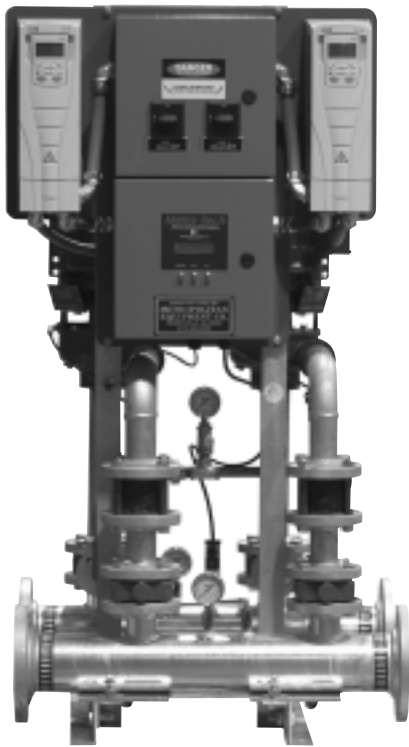


A recently installed walk-in housed valve station located in Monroe, Mich., 30 miles south of Detroit. Monroe is experiencing unprecedented growth, which required them to install new sewage lift stations near the new housing developments.



Monroe officials are pleased with the operation of the valve station and three more valve stations will most likely be completed in the future according to Sikaitis. For more information about the walk-in valve stations or any other Metropolitan product visit their website at www.metropolitanind.com.

Titan systems boost delivery time while putting pressure on production costs



The new variable speed Titan Plus (top) and the new constant speed Titan (bottom) saves the customer time and money by eliminating the need for custom specifications and workmanship.

To meet the growing demand by contractors and engineers wanting an alternative to expensive custom-designed booster systems, Metropolitan Industries, Inc. recently introduced the new Titan and Titan Plus pre-engineered water booster systems.

Due to their pre-engineered designs, the constant speed Titan and the variable speed Titan Plus saves the customer time and money by eliminating the need for custom specifications and workmanship therefore, reducing the fabrication process to within one to four weeks versus six to eight weeks for a custom system. Metropolitan stocks all components for the Titan and Titan Plus to provide expedited order processing and delivery.

"We wanted to provide the customer with an alternative to custom-designed systems," said National Sales Manager Mike Tierney. "As a result, we now offer customers the same quality of a custom system but delivered faster and far less expensive," he said.

Less expensive does not always mean cheaply made, especially when referring to the Titan and Titan Plus. In fact, several features ensure the systems' reliability such as the move from threaded piping to flange piping eliminating any unwanted leakage. Titan systems feature NEMA-rated motors assuring the system's dependability. A Metropolitan control system provides precise system control while reducing operating costs. In addition, a U.L. listing for packaged pumping systems accompanies every Titan system.

Just like all Metropolitan Systems, each Titan and Titan Plus manufactured is put through a complete operational flow test in Metropolitan's testing laboratory. During this time, operating set points are preset and variable speed drives are preconfigured.

"The operational flow test guarantees the proper operation of your system so customers can be positively sure that their booster system or any other system from Metropolitan will operate properly," Tierney said.

Complete data and specification sheets are available upon request, which will answer any performance questions you may have. For more information log onto www.metropolitanind.com or call 800-323-1665.

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Metropolitan now offers treatment solutions



Completed in 2004 was the Bonnie Brae Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Lockport, Ill. Metropolitan furnished all equipment including (2) 2.0 MGD field-erected, wastewater treatment plants with new lift station, bar screen, flowmeters, blowers, a dissolved oxygen control system, motor control center, SCADA, controls and accessories.

Metropolitan is presently working on several projects both in water and wastewater treatment. On the water side, we've worked with Roberts Filter Group of Philadelphia, PA on iron and manganese removal as well as several radium removal / ion exchange plants. On the wastewater side, we work with Ashbrook

Corporation on many wastewater treatment plants that currently are in various stages of permitting, design and/or bidding.

Please contact the Metropolitan municipal sales department for help with your next application.

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