

# **Department of Public works report**

## **MAY 2021**

**The street crew:** May was a very good month. The street crew had a lot going on, and they meet the challenge head on.

The crew cleared some overhanging limbs that were obstructing roadways. And cleared some signs that were obstructed

The street crew has had to shoulder the burden of cutting all of the grass, in the past the water dept has been able to assist them however, this year with all of the I&I work and sewer repairs and water leaks they have not been able to help. The street crew has done an outstanding job of picking up the slack.

Hauled loads of gravel and dirt that were bought by citizens.

Donnie filled in on the Dumpster truck when necessary.

Cleared several deceased animals from main street.

Also helped with meter reading and fixing a couple of leaking meters as well as replaced a few meters.

Also helped with the side walk sealing and line painting.

### **Water and sewer crew:**

Have fixed quite a few spots as far as water leaks and sewer problems. They have curbed over 150,000 gallons of I&I problems thus far.

They had 40 miss utility request and 5 emergency Requests.

Pumped and dumped leachate from the landfill tank 3 different times minimum was three trucks and maximum was seven trucks.

Did some flushing of sewer line problem areas.

**Did the normal hydrant flush.**

**Marked and dug graves and covered when funeral services were complete.**

**Used the camera system to inspect some of the sewer line that were identified during smoke testing.**

**Had multiple sewer clean outs.**

**Still working with B&B on the Endly street project**

**Also helped with the side walk sealing and line painting.**

## **Building and Grounds:**

**Inspects the Robert E Lee building and airport on a regular basis.**

**Keeps paper products in all of the buildings of the town and does what work is needed such as light bulbs, fixing doors etc...**

**checked and signed fire extinguishers for the month.**

**Replace several street light bulbs and all air filters in the town buildings.**

**Worked on lights on the runway at the airport. Keeps an eye out for leaks after storms on hangers and other buildings.**

**Carried the dump truck to the landfill for the WWTP.**

**Chris has been helping out with WWTP in many aspects as well as doing his normal duties.**

**Chris has helped out with painting at WWTP and hauling sludge from Boydton.**

**Chris also helped out with the side walk sealing and line painting as well as helping hang the flags for memorial day.**

## **Shop:**

**Worked on police dept cars to include changing oil, belts, tires, inspection, air conditioning, seats, battery's, etc...**

**Fixed tires on several police cars and the garbage truck.**

**Sharpened and worked on chainsaws on several occasions.**

**Working on the Chevy dually and the jetter truck brakes.**

**Fixed a broken hose on the garbage truck .**

**Fixed Brakes on the garbage truck.**

**Marvin helped with the side walk sealing and line painting as well as doing a lot of the bush hogging and using the frail mower.**

## **Sanitation crew:**

**Completed trash rounds twice per week.**

**Guys did an outstanding job on trash removal. Facing many different weather related obstacles.**

**It has been noticed that there seems to a lot more trash since the pandemic started most likely because people are home more.**

## **Commerical:**

**David is doing a great job keeping the dumpsters cleared. Donnie has jumped in on occasion to help with late call ins.**

## **WWTP:**

**Cleaned water clairfiers and sand filters on a daily bases.**

**Completed daily, weekly, and monthly water tests.**

**Checked on pumping stations everyday and added grease remover as needed.**

**Things at WWTP are starting to smooth out since we have cut the flow in half with the corrected I&I problems.**

**They have painted one of the clarifiers with intent on painting the other as well as the cascade steps and sand filters.**

**They have figured out and corrected several problems in the basin however there are more things that need correcting.**

**Projects completed: Side walks are sealed and parking lines painted. Side roads will be painted as possible. There were three sewer problems that were corrected. Ball park is coming along.**

**Projects underway: Still have a couple of I&I spots to correct however we have corrected a lot. The flow meters borrowed from the EPA will be read soon to help let us know of problem areas in town. Still have a couple of places that need to be slip lined, I am awaiting quotes on those. There will be some patching done in the near future.**

**Superintendent statement: As we plunge into June I have noticed a change in the crew at the shop. There are still some conflicts that happen however, there is a new dynamic forming in the ranks. Everyone is starting to take some pride in where they work and the Town they represent. They like to hear people say good things about them and what they do. They like to know that the management has their back and will defend them if they are under attack. It is a great group of people that work for the town and if we all work together there is nothing we cannot accomplish. As always the doors are open here to anyone who would like to stop by and say hello. We are also open to suggestion on new ways to do things. I would like to take a minute to say that in my opinion Dusty is doing an outstanding job. He is always supportive when necessary and he can be commanding when that is necessary. He is always the one saying what a good job everyone else is doing and**

**never focusing on himself. I for one depend on his insight everyday.  
Thank you Dusty for all you do. Again I say thank you for your  
patience and guidance.**

**Jim Wilson**