

# **Department of Public works report**

## **August 2021**

**The street crew:** With the rain being as constant as it has grass cutting has been tough. We have most of it finally caught up.

The guys have been trying to get the welcome signs in order. We are starting a new plan for the welcome signs starting in the spring of 22.

The street and water crew worked in the cemetery on graves that we in very much need of attention. They said it was still about a days worth of work that needs to be completed.

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

Donnie filled in on the Dumpster truck when necessary.

Picked up several deceased cats and kittens near the rescue squad building. The growing number of cats seems to be becoming a problem.

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

Cleaned the storm grates before and after every storm.

Also helped with digging and covering some of the graves as they needed.

**Water and sewer crew:** August saw no slow down in grave digging work orders. The water crew has been down one person (Zach Franklin) Whom has been out on medical leave. But with the help of the street crew have been able to step up and get the job done.

**They had 38 miss utility request and 4 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.**

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

**Had multiple sewer clean outs.**

**The 500,000 gallon water tank has been cleaned, sand blasted, and painted by southern corrosion company. Upon completion they disinfected the tank and we filled it and had it tested and put it back into service.**

## **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. He also has replaced some of the receptacles and breakers in the cafe area.**

**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 also helped repair the pot holes and has spent a lot of time fixing things at the ball park.**

## **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**

**Fixed Brakes on the garbage truck. Working on the never ending blade sharpening and lawn mower maintenance.**

**Built new strainer baskets for a couple of the lift stations.**

**Also helped with grass cutting and cutting the waterways.**

**They guys are always willing to pitch in where necessary.**

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

**Projects completed: Water tank job is completed. The ditch line on overlook is completed. The driveway culvert on sycamore is complete. The grading of the hill at the ball park is complete. Several areas where sewer work has been done have been graded and grass sown. Backhoe is back in service.**

**Projects underway: we are currently taking bids on a water line replacement on Va Ave. Also are getting bids on some slip lining of some of the selected sewer lines in town. We are also working on the police shooting range at the old landfill as time permits. We have a ditch corner on Endly and 3<sup>rd</sup> street that we are working on to help prevent washout of the gravel on Endly street. Also working on the side walk in front of the Red Barn. Also making plans to use the camera on sunset and behind Newcomb Allgood funeral home to try to ascertain where the I&I water is getting in during heavy rains.**

**Superintendent statement: We have an obligation to the Town of Chase City to help her be all she can be. The guys in the shop have really started taking on an ownership of the Town. I have seen guys that were here just to make a pay check start taking pride in their work and their Town. I am not going to take credit for this I think it is something they have developed on their own. The crews are really working well together and getting things done. I am very proud of the Town employees here in the shop and in the Town office as well. So if you have opportunity to talk to some of the guys or girls let them know they are doing a good job. They like to hear that from someone other than myself or Dusty. As always thank you for your support and guidance.**

**Jim Wilson**