

Department of Public works report

June 2021

The street crew: June was a very good month. The street crew completed a lot of tasks in the month of June.

The crew cleared some overhanging limbs that were obstructing roadways. And cleared some signs that were obstructed and put up signs that needed to be put up.

The grass cutting has resumed since the sidewalks were completed. They have struggled a bit getting to everything. Although they will step up to the challenge.

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. As well as helped to remove a skunk caught in a trap by a citizen.

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

Worked on fixing some of the graves in the cemetery filling in low spots and sowing grass.

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 was identified during smoke testing.

Had multiple sewer clean outs.

Still working with B&B on the Endly street project

Fixed a water leak on Ogburn Street.

Helped out at WWTP putting in a new line for the bathroom there.

Helped dig a ditch for a citizen that had a spring keeping their back yard wet and was making it almost impossible to mow grass.

Also are helping identify things in our inventory that are no longer in use.

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

Shop:

Worked on police dept. cars to include changing oil, belts, tires, inspection, air conditioning, seats, batteries, 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. Working on the never ending blade sharpening and lawn mower maintenance.

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.

Commercial:

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 clarifiers and sand filters on a daily bases.

Completed daily, weekly, and monthly water tests.

Checked on pumping stations every day 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, and have started the other.

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

Projects completed: The pavement rejuvenation on Marshall St and Berry St has been completed. A round of brush pick up has been completed. The flow meters from the EPA have been read and data supports what we thought during rain events.

Projects underway: Still have a couple of I&I spots to correct however we have corrected a lot. 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. The 500,000 gallon water tower on Boyd St will be painted inside during July.

Superintendent statement: In the almost 2 years I have been here I have seen a lot of things happen, some good and some not so well but all necessary to move ahead in the world. In my opinion this town is moving in the right direction. I am proud to be a part of the new life that is being kindled in this town. I just hope we can continue to move forward from here. The world around us is changing some of the changes we need to grab onto. Others we need to set aside. We have a great town with great people and we need to keep it that way. Thank you all for your contribution and dedication to this town and this workforce. Thank you.

Jim Wilson