

Department of Public works report

March 2021

The street crew: March was a very trying month. The street crew had a lot going on. And with the inclement weather it proved to be a challenge.

The crew cleared some overhanging limbs that were obstructing roadways.

Brush clean up after the storm is still on going. Almost complete as folks still are putting brush in the street even after we have been through an area twice.

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.

Cleared many limbs and fallen trees during and after the ice storms.

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

Water and sewer crew:

Have fixed quite a few spots as far as water leaks and sewer problems.

They had 78 miss utility request and 4 emergency Requests. That in itself is a huge amount of request.

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

Have been working on identifying infiltrating water on the sewer lines. They have located several large areas and are making preparations to correct them.

Also helped with the brush removal after the ice storms.

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.

Also starting on the repairs at the Ball Park.

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.

Worked on the concrete saw and the 4 inch pump for the water crew.

Prepared the trucks that we are selling to be sold. Cleaned and fixed.

Fixed a broken hose on the garbage truck

Fixed Brakes on the garbage truck and the dually.

Marvin helped with a lot of the tree and limb clean up.

Had to do some repair to the dumpster truck bed. Working great.

Also cut and removed an old railing and chain system at the cemetery.

Sanitation crew:

Completed trash rounds twice per week.

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

Had a couple of the new guys fill in on the trash route as needed.

Commercial:

The dumpster truck has been doing well since the repair.

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.

The water we are receiving from Morgan lumber seems to be helping with the BOD problem we were having. Still treating way more water than we are buying. This is an ongoing problem that we are trying to address.

Projects completed: There were 2 major I&I areas that have been fixed. 1. T&J equipment had a drainage ditch that was backing up and leaking into a sewer manhole. That has been corrected. Also on Academy lane there was a spot put in for a future use area. It deadened in the general area of a spring. That portion of the line has now been plugged and the water leaking in stopped.

Projects underway: Still have plenty of areas on the sewer system that are being worked on as time permits. Lots of brush after the ice storms need removing. Still looking for a way to sweep the main streets to help with appearance and cleanliness. Working on the WWT ponds to help with overflow.

Superintendent statement: As we start to settle into 2021 we find ourselves in an environment that we are unfamiliar with. As I stated before I am still learning aspects of this job that I did not know existed. I have always been taught that you should learn something new every day. I am doing my best to follow that saying. As many of you know we have been doing some restructuring in our ranks. We will have some more to do soon. Hopefully as we do these things will continue to smooth out the process in which we do things. So far it seems to be working well. Now if we can get the equipment to play along we will be in good shape. As usual thank you for your guidance and understanding.

Jim Wilson