

Department of Public works report

January 2022

The street crew: January proved to be a trying month for everyone including the street crew. We were plagued with snow and ice and sickness. However we managed through it and survived. We pushed snow and spread salt. Cleaned grates got up leaves and brush. Worked shorthanded for the most part. Tony is the new street crew team leader and doing a fantastic job of it. He has taken ownership of the crew. They helped out in the cemetery to get the graves that were starting to settle, filled in and seeded. With the demise of the leaf machine this year they have done an outstanding job getting the leaves gone using old fashioned methods.

Water and sewer crew: This crew has been doing what they do best which is water leaks. We have had our fair share. We had a bad one on High St. As well as a bad one on the right of way of Railroad Ave. They helped push snow and spread salt. Helped on the weekend we got up leaves. Dug several graves and handled the refilling of the graves after the service. Dumped Leachate from the old landfill. Had 30 Miss utility calls. Had a water leak on David's lane due to cable company drilling through the line. They took the time necessary to ensure the leak was fixed and everyone had water by nightfall.

Building and Grounds:

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

Changes the street light bulbs on Main Street.

Helped with the Robert E Lee building clean up. His part included the removal of the barrier walls in the old cafeteria part.

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 he has been very instrumental with the new SCADA upgrade.

Chris is in charge if the decorations for the town as well as the flags being raised or lowered.

Shop: This crew is very important to the town they not only keep things running; they help where ever they are needed. They go and do whatever is asked of them and even sometimes things that are not asked of them.

Changing tires on all of the trucks and police cars as well as changing oil and doing basic maintenance. They have fixed air lances for WWTP as well as make parts for the probes to be attached to help out with the SCADA.

Sanitation crew:

Completed trash rounds twice per week.

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

They have picked up a lot of bagged leaves and some brush trying to help out where they can.

Commercial: Donnie is now settled into Rick's position as well as handling the Dumpster truck duties and helping out with the water meters. He is doing a great job.

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.

Have been combating rags in the in fluent flow. By rags I mean hand sanitizing wipes, Clorox wipes, baby wipes, makeup cleaning wipes etc. These do not break down they clog drains and piping causing many problems. Still an ongoing problem.

Projects: With the Scada and the meter jobs being in the very last stage of completion, we still have a few projects to complete that we did not get done in 2021. They would be a couple of I&I problems that will require slip lining. A storm drain in front of Jeff's Body shop. That project was held up do to a road pipe shortage of all things. The pipe is in now and we will get that project completed soon I hope. We still have a well that we were asked to fill in. And a sewer line to replace on Anderson Street.

Superintendent statement: Well 2022 is underway and so far it looks as though it is going to try to top 2021. COVID is still around and very strong. Looks like it will be causing problems for a while. We are going to face this year with an open mind and hope things will get better. We will strive to give 100% in everything we do. As Always thank you for your patience and guidance.

Jim Wilson