



## City of Hartford \* County of Van Buren \* State of Michigan

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**TO:** Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

**FROM:** Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

**DATE:** May 18, 2026

**RE: APPROVAL TO REPAIR A FORMING SINK HOLE ON CENTER STREET**

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**ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

The item before the Commission is to approve the investigation and repair to sink hole on N. Center Street.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Public Works Superintendent, Ricky, has noticed a sinkhole developing on N. Center Street at the Hillsborough intersection. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has been performing temporary fixes in the area; however, the sinkhole continues to worsen. The city has requested several quotes to investigate and repair the sinkhole. The plan involves excavating the manhole, sealing its exterior, identifying the cause of the sinkhole, and making the necessary repairs.

The only contractor that submitted a quote for this work, Four Seasons Excavating LLC, proposed a cost of \$6,700 to excavate the sinkhole on the storm sewer line and carry out the repairs. Four Seasons Excavating is now working on N. Center Street, in the center of the sanitary and storm drains, for Surf Internet. Surf drilled through the storm sewer while installing Fiber. Awarding the project to Four Seasons Excavating will allow them to start the city's project right away.

I am declaring this an emergency to take proactive measures to address the issue before it becomes a larger problem. An open sinkhole could cause significant damage, resulting in considerable costs for the city to repair.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the investigation and repair of the manhole on N. Center Street for \$6,700 to Four Seasons Excavating LLC.