

Utilities Department Status Report for Mar. 2024 (covering Feb. 2024)

PROJECT/CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	Waiting on parts for the raw water pump rebuild and also a control board for
	the main generator.
WWTP	Kickoff for a wastewater master plan is being scheduled. Jeff Mahagan is doing
	a good job being a lead on this.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	The reservoir is spilling!
Developments/Other	Staff discovered possibly modified taps in Collins Ridge Phase 1A that are not to town standards. The developer still has not requested acceptance of Phase 1A well over a year after it was placed into service. Staff is concerned about how many taps now in this phase were modified after original inspections, videos and record drawings were received. The developer is fixing the two that were found to be incorrect as staff would never have been able to properly locate services in the future. An example of the finding, on the future public side, is below. The developer must also fix where they installed retaining walls within a sewer easement that was not depicted in the approved drawings.

	We understand Capkov development has applied for a public hearing for their project in April. Staff is running some sewer hydraulic modeling scenarios. The financial rate model is underway. We are unclear whether we will have answers on the cost participation by this time.
	A contractor was selected for McAdams Road Water Main. Vortex is the contractor, and they were the lowest and best bid for the project (and under the engineer's estimate). The town has worked with Vortex before on the S. Churton St. Sewer Main Project. The contract is being routed for signature, then a schedule will be set for the work.
	The town will be flow monitoring its sewer outfalls again for four months to compare flow to the prior modeling study completed a few years back.
Fiber Installs	Hydrant tampering has seen a slight uptick. A few tampering incidents were
	not related to the fiber installation. Customers are not happy with the
	disruption in some areas. We continue to work with the main fiber companies
	on issues.
Staffing	Interviews are being conducted for the open mechanic position. The
	administrative position recently approved will be advertised soon.
Funding	RFQs for design/bid/construction services were released for the two FEMA
_	funded projects. We are moving on other funded projects (water system master planning, Hassell and US 70).
Water and Sewer Advisory	Two out of town vacancies are open. The next meeting is in April.
Committee (WSAC) Activities	