



Report to Village Board

Item Name: Director of Public Works and Utilities Report

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026

Referring Body:

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- The Well #1 rehab project finished up by Municipal Well and Pump. This project includes cleaning and refurbishing any worn-out parts of the well. Typically, it is done every 10 years, but hasn't been done since 2009. The contractor finished on January 28th.
- Public Works crews have been busy with many weather events in January.
- Contractors are working on the lift station 2 & 6 projects, with completion this winter.
- Because of all the snow events the Public Works crews have had a late start trimming the right-of-way trees which overhang the roads or could impede traffic. We have sent out letters to residents where trimming may take place. If it continues to be a snowy winter, there is no guarantee we will finish the list.
- Many fiber optic projects will be taking place this summer around the Village, the bulk of the permits I have received so far are concentrated just to the east of County Road X.
- With the warm temps during the day and below freezing temps at night lately we have had a few culverts freeze up where crews have had to blast them open with hot water.
- Staff is working on obtaining a utility easement for the water and sewer lines off of Kowalski Dr. by Tropical Gardens. This is located just to the west of the interstate on the north side of the road. When the line was installed 20+ years ago the Village and engineer only had a temporary easement, we need a permanent easement to maintain our lines. There are about seven other locations in the Village where this is an issue as well.
- The metering station telemetry will be delivered hopefully sometime in February, then after a few days we can get water to flow through the station to test it per DNR requirements. After all testing is complete, we would be able to purchase water if need be from Rothschild.
- We applied for a fluoride grant for the water department to update our single walled drums to a double walled drum and new scales. The grant is through the State Health Department.
- On February 19 we had our state inspection done for the backflow devices in the fire department for the year, we passed with no problems or repairs.