



Report to Village Board

Item Name: Director of Public Works and Utilities Report

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Referring Body:

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- With all the heavy rains we have received in the past two-weeks as well as the melt off from the recent record snowfall our Village has been flooded with water. Which has created a few major issues for us in the Village.
 - Flooding – We closed Kowalski Rd. on April 14th because of the flooding from the Bull Junior and opened it the next day after our Public Works crew fixed the gravel shoulders and cleaned the debris on the roadway.
 - Basement Backups and Yard Flooding – Many residents have experienced flooding in their basements or in their yards. We received many requests to help alleviate the flooding, but there was simply no place for the water to go as the Bull Junior was so high that water couldn't flow out of the Village.
 - Lift Station 4 Issues – On April 15th our utility crew received high water alarms from lift station 4 which is located on W. Nelson Rd. When crews arrived on scene they noticed the dual pumps in the lift station couldn't keep up with the inflow of water into the station. If this continued the sewage water would eventually backup into basements. We decided to call Country Pumpers to help alleviate the sewage water in the lift station. We had them pumping continuously until 10pm that evening, and they were back at 5am the next morning until 10pm that night. On Friday the 17th the levels at the lift station were good until the storms hit that evening which prompted us to call Country Pumpers again at about 8pm, they were on scene until midnight. On Saturday the 18th Country Pumpers arrived on scene at 6am and one truck couldn't keep up with the high water flows so two trucks were needed until 10:30pm, after which one truck was on scene until 1:30am. The next two days one truck was onsite all day, and finally on Tuesday afternoon the lift station could keep up with the water flows itself.
- Tornado Damage – On Friday April 17th a tornado went through Martin Rd on the west end and knocked down many trees, knocked down power lines, ripped off roofs, but fortunately there were no serious injuries or fatalities. Our Public Works crews were on scene at 5pm, however we had to wait with our operations until 9pm when WPS cleared the last of the downed power lines, then Village crews started the cutting and removal of trees. The crew worked until the road was open and passible at 2am.
- Dakota Zimmerman started in the Utility Department on Monday April 6th. He is a fantastic addition to our organization.

