



## Report to Utility Committee

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**Referring Body:**

**Committee Contact:**

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- Lift Station #3 is going through the engineering stage now to get ready for a public bidding process. I'll notify UC when that date gets set.
- The metering station telemetry will be delivered hopefully sometime in May, we are just waiting on AT&T, 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.
- Work has started on Lift Stations 2&6 with the upgrade project. New panels and generators are being installed and work will be completed in spring 2026.
- The water level has been raised for the summer in the tower.
- The Flanner Rd/Jamroz Rd project bid opening took place on April 20, 2026. No water or sewer lines are impacted by the project.
- Sewage water has increased through our system in the past month (see attached sheet).
- Lift Station #8 work is progressing and the contractor states the work shall be completed by mid-July.
- Staff, with the approval from Administrator Davel, purchased an additional pump for lift station #4 (see attached paperwork). These pumps aren't designed to run 24/7, but with the high flows they have been. Staff was concerned about a pump failing, so we found it necessary to have a back-up on hand.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

