

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



AGENDA MEMO

Agenda Item #

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves
FROM: Richard Gallant, CDM E.I., Public Works Director
DATE: December 3, 2024
SUBJECT: Road, Drainage, and Emergency Management Update

Background:

The following items are an update to the road and drainage systems in the Town:

- Currently IFB# 2024-01 Town FY24 Road Improvement Program has been awarded and the following actions have taken place:
 - The contractor has completed the paving portion of the project. To date they have paved the following roads:
 - 161 Terr N
 - 147th Ave N
 - Gruber Ln
 - Casey Rd
 - 24th Ct N West of F Rd
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 - E Cirtus Dr
 - The next step in the process is to install the Seminole style speed tables in various locations on the paved roads. After listening to various residents, it was decided to strategically place the speed table on property lines to reduce the impact of the sound from some of the vehicles that pass through town.
 - The contractor will then install stop bars and 20' long double yellow lines off the stop bars. The balance of the paving will remain unstriped.
- The Public Works Department continues to remediate roadside drainage swales as part of the FY24 Road Improvement Program. Additionally, the roads that are planned to receive small equestrian paths will be installed after the paving and swales are completed.
- During the month of October and November, staff has been working on clearing the tree debris left from the damage caused by the impacts of the EF-3 tornado that ripped through town.

- Public Works management continues to prepare for preparing the FY25 paving plan, specifically A Rd from Okeechobee to Collecting Canal Rd and Collecting Canal Rd from A Rd to B Rd.
 - Staff is currently working with residents to obtain easements to properly install the road and drainage for the road. This includes removing required trees, preparing the road surface, and correct the canal bank and stabilize the section needed to build a safe road.
- The Public Works Director awaiting the arrival of our new 2025 12-Yard 8.8L Freightliner or approved equal through the Florida Department of Financial Services Contract 25101600-21-STC.
 - The purchase order for the amount of \$120,031.30 was issued on May 8, 2024, and sent to the vendor, Southport Truck Group.
 - The initial date provided by the vendor to pick up the vehicle was December 2024.
 - Staff contacted the vendor and after receiving an update from the vendor, due to a delay caused by both Hurricane Helene and Milton, it is anticipated the vehicle will be ready in early 2025.
- The Public Works Director moving forward with LPR cameras throughout the town to assist the Public Works Department and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office find and prosecute those individuals who wish to use our town for illegal dumping.
 - The Public Works Director has obtained quotes from Flock Safety, one of the leading companies in LPR technology. These are also the only cameras that will interact with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Real-Time Center systems.
 - Red Speed will also be providing supplement cameras as part of their agreement that will augment the LPR cameras to be procured by the Town
 - Staff will bring forward the associated agreements in January for the system the Town will obtain..
 - Staff is still reviewing a limited number of trail cameras that can be located in strategic locations.
- The Public Works team is still diligently working with our debris hauler, Ashbritt to remove debris from the tornado that came through town. To date, 13,638 cubic yards of vegetative debris has been removed and 816 cubic yards of construction debris has been removed from throughout the Town. The total amount of storm related debris removed to date is 14,454 cubic yards. On December 2, the debris hauler will hauling all construction debris to Coastal's yard. Ashbritt will continue to receive yard waste debris to C Rd site until all of the debris on site is ground up and removed. Once that is completed yard waste debris will be taken to Coastal's yard until January when the 100% reimbursement period ends from FEMA.
- The Public Works Director is working with staff to compile the required information for the CIP bids for the FY25 projects.
- The Public Works Director has completed all of the requirements for the Certified District Manager certification from the Florida Association of Special Districts in cooperation with the Florida Institute of Government. This certification provides recipients on the special knowledge required for the operation of a special district. In March, the Public Works Superintendent is slated to attend, and the Public Works

Coordinator is scheduled to attend the Certified District Administrative Professional course in January.

- A resident on Robert Way approached the Public Works Director requesting options on paving Robert Way. He heard about the cost sharing program the Town was developing to assist residents on projects. The project would require the addition of a catch basin and culvert across Robert Way at W C Rd to elevate flooding and culverts across Robert Way to allow water to drain from the North side of the road to the ditch on the south side. The Public Works Director sent this request to the Town Manager to review and will be setting up a meeting with the residents of the road to discuss interest from the remainder of the road.
- Staff continues it maintenance operations in grading the unpaved roads and mowing the drainage canals and canal banks.
- Currently Public Works has two open positions for General Maintenance Worker/Public Service Worker I.