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Public Works Report – April 2026

Roads & Infrastructure

- Road postings were removed.
- Continued cold patching throughout the Village following the winter months. An additional 5 tons of cold patch were used.
- Swept the entirety of the Village.
- Poured sidewalk on Summit St.
- Excavated and widened the drainage swale along Whiting Rd. to help prevent continued flooding issues.
- Excavated a sinkhole along the curb on Prairie Knoll Dr.
- Cleaned up the drainage swale along the easement on Oak St.
- Removed downed trees on Whiting Rd. and Orth Rd.
- Restored various excavation sites from the winter months. All areas were dressed with soil, graded, and seeded.
- Sprayed road signs and roadway areas that are inaccessible by mower to prevent overgrowth during the spring and summer months.

Water & Sewer

- Repaired a water service on Oak St.
- Repaired the Lions Park sanitary line.
- Repaired a sanitary line on Ray St.
- Monitored lift stations and addressed flooding issues following storms.
- Climbed the water tower to close the hatch after storms. The locking bolt had broken off, causing the hatch to open.
- Continued coordination with Kurt from TEST Inc. on SCADA upgrades. Programming is currently being completed with TEST, and on-site installations will begin afterward.
- Inspected and assessed all Village drainage ways to develop a restoration list for the summer. Overall, most drainage ways are in good condition, with only minor sediment cleanup needed.

Facilities & Equipment Repairs

- Repaired the sludge spreader.
- Serviced all chainsaws, trimmers, and other small engine equipment.

Parks

- Replaced damaged ceiling tiles in the Lions Park concession stand.
- Repaired a leaking water line in the Lions Park bathrooms.
- The new playset and swings were installed at West Grove Park.
- Staff installed rubber mulch at the completed West Grove Park.
- Stained porta potty enclosures.
- Fertilized parks.
- Rolled all parks.
- Began weekly mowing operations.
- Started obtaining quotes for Veteran's Park improvements.
- Planted trees that we received through ComEd's Arbor Day program in Village parks.

Administration & Planning

- The SWWTP and Countryside lift station Comcast dialer changeovers are still pending completion. Additional paperwork is required before construction can begin at those sites.
- Maintained discussions with developers regarding active and prospective projects.
- Continued coordination with New Leaf/Contry regarding parcels in Westergren.
- Continued review of Surf fiber-optic permits. Construction is expected to begin in May.
- Continued review of Frontier fiber-optic permits.
- Worked with engineering, legal counsel, and residents on various easement and drainage issues.
- Reconciled all Public Works year-end items.
- Began discussions regarding the bike path project with the Boone County Highway Engineer.
- Finalized FY27 capital improvement projects.
- Met with Nicor regarding their upcoming inspection project.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I am available to provide additional details on any past, current, or upcoming projects.