

To: The Village President and Board of Trustees
From: Chris Dopkins, P.E., Village Engineer
Re: Engineering Report – March 2026 Activity
Date: April 13, 2026

Please allow this memorandum to provide a brief summary of major activity over the past month that involves the engineering department:

- **Sludge Land Application Permits:** Permit applications have been sent to IEPA for their review. We are hopeful that IEPA will respond in April.
- **Capital Improvements (CIP) Planning:** Staff is in the process of developing short-term and long-term CIP. This effort will go hand-in-hand with the GIS program.
- **Surf Internet:** Surf has provided a total of eighteen plans to date (there will be a total of 41), all have been reviewed and nine permits have been issued. Review of the plans has taken a significant amount of staff time and it should be noted that engineering expenses incurred by the Village will be offset by permitting fees. Staff continues to expect that construction will start in late April.
- **Frontier Fiber Optic:** Frontier has submitted a total of fourteen plan sets for review. Similar to Surf, there have been significant issues with the plans which have resulted in the plans being reviewed multiple times (some sets have been reviewed as many as seven times), and again engineering expense will be offset via permitting fees. Staff also conducted a pre-construction meeting w/ Frontier, and we reasonably expect Frontier to begin construction in late April, assuming the necessary changes are made in the plans.
- **Bel Air North Subdivision:** Staff has been coordinating with the Developer to approve the letter of credit and to approve the easement for future water main construction between the west and south systems.
- **Geographical Information System (GIS):** Staff is currently assembling documents (plan sets, older water/sewer maps/agreements) that will be uploaded in the GIS databases.
- **South Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Staff is currently in the process of reviewing past agreements to determine if any action is needed on the Village's behalf as a result of the permitted capacity reduction. The documents are voluminous which is the reason behind the lengthy review time.