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## ***March 2021 Public Works Report***

### General:

Our annual budget was presented to the Village Board on March 4th at a budget hearing and will be voted on in April.

We had our first Neighborsfest meeting of the year. More details to follow at a later date.

Staff completed their required OSHA trainings in March. These trainings include Bloodborne Pathogens, Confined Spaces, Lockout/Tagout, PPE usage, and Hazzard Communications.

Winter equipment has been power washed and removed from trucks. Staff started to get summer equipment out of storage and began servicing it so its ready when needed. Our 2005 International had to have the power steering gearbox replaced by Decker Truck Repair. Our staff replaced the power steering pump in our 1 ton dump.

We have begun working on a ROW ordinance that will hopefully be ready by May committee meetings. Chris, our attorney, myself, and Ron will be having a meeting on April 8th to discuss any alterations or changes we would like to see to the initial ordinance proposal from Sosnowski Szeto.

### Streets/Storm Sewer:

Spring road postings were put out at the beginning of the month and later removed once the frost was deemed out of the ground.

Staff walked the drainage ways and removed debris from inlet and outlet structures with the anticipation of spring rains ahead.

We only had one snow/ice event in the month of March and that was on the 15th. Hopefully that is the last of any winter type weather we have to deal with for the year.

We have taken all of our allotted 575 tons of road salt through the State bid contract. Per our contract, we are allowed to go 20 percent over our allotment if we chose to do so. Given the low price of salt this year, I have ordered an additional 100 tons on order and that will be delivered and stored at the Boone County Highway Department.

Minnihan Tree Services has begun their ROW and retention pond tree removal/trimming from the contract they were awarded at March's board meeting. They have completed the Waco retention pond, Whiting Road ROW from Ashwin to 76, Dawson Lake ROW, Orth Road ROW from 76 to Cress Creek Trail, and Quail Trap ROW. They are going to complete the remainder of their contract when our staff is available to flag for them in mid-April. Staff is scheduled to get IDOT recertified in flagging on April 13th for another three years. This training will take place at Blackhawk Fire Station in Cherry Valley.

Staff picked up another load of cold patch from William Charles pit and patched potholes throughout all of our neighborhoods and on our main roads multiple times this month.

Staff swept streets multiple times throughout the month with particular attention to Burledwoods and Olson Woods, due to construction. We also swept State St multiple times due to the granary.

Midwest Dirt and our staff completed sod damage repairs in their respective plow areas. We purchased black dirt from Cooling's to complete the repairs.

Staff replaced multiple street signs throughout the month.

Quail Trap Road had its ROW marked with survey stakes to help prevent the farmer that plants the adjacent field from planting in our ROW.

The stormwater lift station at Main and Washington is up and running. The only punch list item left for NTRAK to complete is the landscape restoration and finish grade work.

## Parks/Buildings:

Area Mechanical was hired to address issues with the geothermal heat at Village Hall.

We had our annual ADT inspection at Village Hall. We also had our annual fire inspections at our public works shop and wastewater treatment plants.

Carina and Karri's office project at Village Hall has been completed. Staff helped moved furniture around multiple times.

I have been in contact with Dach Fence and they will be out to install the dog park fence as soon as the ground dries up so they do not tear up all the grading work our staff did. They are hoping to have it in the ground at some point in April.

Garbage cans have been put out in parks with the anticipation of the warmer weather ahead.

## Water/Sewer distribution:

Staff excavated a broken digester line for TEST to repair at the SWWTP and reburied.

Recycled asphalt was hauled from NTRAK's pit, by staff, to re-do well 5 and 6's driveway. Staff spread and rolled the recycled asphalt to create the new drive.

Staff repaired a fire hydrant that was hit and broke off above ground on Tallgrass Trail. Another hydrant was hit on Hill St and Landmark Excavating has been hired to perform the work.

The well pump at the SWWTP went out and was repaired. There will be a resolution before the board to be voted on as the repair was done under the Village President's emergency authority.

Ion, myself, Chris, and Chelsea from McMahons office had a meeting to go over EPA conditions on our WWTP permit. Sludge application was also discussed as there are a few changes to previous applications that need to take place.

The driveway for Well 7 water tower was graded. This is the long gravel driveway that goes back to the empty tower off of Poplar Grove Road. Unfortunately, when that tower was put in, the drive became the Village's responsibility so even though the tower isn't utilized, we still have to maintain the driveway and plow it.

Locates were done as required by law and are coming in daily. We also marked and called in our locates.

Meters were read and all un-reads were gathered manually.

Other work performed by staff included: door notices, water turn ons, water turn offs, meter installs/replacements, MXU replacements/installs, bbox adjustments/repairs, final reads, consumption/water quality/pressure complaint appointments.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at MHilden@villageofpoplargrove.com or 815-742-0418

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