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August 2021 Public Works Report

General:

Our 2021-2022 MFT road projects have come to a completion and Rock Road's pay application is in this month's packet. We will also be replacing the sidewalks on Washington Street with road and bridge funds in September.

I was able to get a hold placed on the new plow truck that the board approved to purchase. The one that had the same plow connections as our 2020 plow truck already sold. The truck I have a hold on is the same truck but the plow connections are slightly different, making it not universal with our 2020 truck. This can be changed for roughly $3,000 later on if we chose to do so.

Public Works hauled supplies and giveaways, as well as, set up and tore down the Village fair booth this month.

We have two pieces of equipment that broke down this month that will require a board decision if they want to invest money into them or purchase a newer replacement. Our service truck is currently in the shop at Countryside Automotive with misfire, stalling, and exhaust issues, and our batwing turf mower that we use in our parks is at Bobcat of Rockford with spindle and bearing issues. I will have more details for the board when I have both repair estimates in hand. I will also get full replacement quotes for the boards analysis.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

Our DCEO drainage project on Main and Park Streets is nearing completion. Stenstrom removed all the scrub trees and brush from the area and staff chipped them and hauled them away. The drain tiling and dirt grading were also completed on the western portion of the drainage. On the eastern portion of the project, the concrete work, culvert replacement, asphalt paving, and grading have been completed. Final restoration is all that remains in both sections. A drain tile was discovered to be the primary source of water in the western channel. There is a solution to this issue and we will have a discussion on it at the committee meeting.

Debris and silt were removed from the drainage way that is between the bike path and Main St. This is an ongoing problem due to trees constantly falling in the drainage swale.

There were multiple, high wind, storms that blew through the area this month. Staff responded to numerous down trees and debris on roadways.

Staff provided barricades for the closure of Julie drive. This was a board approved closure for a benefit hosted by Hydeout Bar and Grill.

New stop signs were installed on Washington Street and Boeing Trail after resurfacing was done.

All Village owned retention ponds and drainage swales were mowed.

Minnihan's tree service was hired to remove a cluster of large trees and underbrush at the corner of Ridgestone and Woodstock Road. Once the tree work was complete, staff excavated a drainage swale to connect the culvert that runs under Ridgestone to the drainage swale that runs through Prairie Green Subdivision and under Woodstock Road. The ditch that was excavated also accepts all the water that flows down the curb line of Ridgestone Trail. The

area was graded, seeded, and had straw blankets put down for erosion control. The only portion of this project still remaining is to remove a concrete wall and silt build up on the south side of Woodstock Road. This will get completed in mid-September.

Potholes and the edges of pavement were patched in various locations.

ROW inspections on sidewalks and new build properties have continued this month. We continue to have issues with the concrete contractors for the new home builders.

Streets were swept multiple times throughout the month. Concentration was placed on areas with ongoing construction and where storms scattered debris.

Parks/Buildings:

Norwest crack sealed, seal coated, and striped Village Hall parking lot.

Staff trimmed the trees along the walking path in Lions Park.

The footings and concrete pads have been poured for the West Grove Park pavilion. George's Landscaping will get the area restored and ready for the building to be erected in late fall when it is delivered.

We are still waiting on a sign board to officially open the dog park. Staff will install it as soon as it comes in. Office staff ordered dog tags and we are still waiting on their arrival as well.

Update on our wind/hail insurance claim: Bufalo installed the overhead door and walk in door Village Hall shed and anticipate installing well 3's door in mid-September when it is in stock.

Weekly mowing and trimming continue at all Village owned parks and properties. Our seasonal mowing employee went back to his full-time job, which required staff to go back to mowing parks this month.

Staff trimmed back all of the bushes at Village Hall.

Pesticides were applied in our parks this month and on various Village properties, around buildings, etc.

Water/Sewer distribution:

Two hydrants were dug up and repaired by Stenstrom. One on North Hill Street and the other on Shaded Rue.

I am still working with Nicor to get their gas service out of our sanitary lateral on West Park Street and come up with a reimbursement cost that they will pay us for the cost of repairing that section of sanitary main. There are multiple sections on West Park that have utilities in the sanitary main and this will all get done under one project.

Visu Sewer was out at the end of the June to clean and camera the sanitary laterals on South State St. The data from the clean and televise has been delivered to McMahon's office for review. Once reviewed, we can begin planning for any necessary underground work that might need to be done before we re-surface the road with RBI funds in 2023.

Dorner was out to service the interconnect valve on Whiting Road that connects our west and north water systems.

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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