



# VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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## Public Works Report, July 2023

- Comcast work has continued throughout the Village. This has taken up a lot of Kyle and I's time with fairly extensive locates. Overall, the project is going smoothly – Comcast is very good about keeping open lines of communication. There have been a couple of issues with the locations of pedestals, but Comcast has rectified the issues shortly after being informed of them.
- Work has continued on the new Public Works building site, with the dirt work finalized and footings poured. Regular progress meetings will begin towards the end of August. ComEd is also scheduled to move some utility poles around that are in conflict with the site.
- Received an update regarding the new plow truck from Lindco. Hydraulics' should be in August, and everything is still on schedule for an early December delivery.
- Poplar Grove Road work began and will continue through August – the last update from the County was that the project should be completed, and the road fully opened the last week of August.
- Staff mowed drainage ways and retention areas in mid-July. I anticipate doing this at least one if not two more times this season.
- Weekly mowing continued.
- Vacant properties were mowed – Westergren still needs to be down and will be completed by the end of next month.
- Purchased and replaced AED pads for Lions Park, as the pediatric pads were expired. Also purchased an AED for the shop, as we did not have one down there.
- Staff started maintenance and upgrade work to the Lions Park bathrooms. Walls and stall partitions were repainted, electrical was updated to code, new hand dryers were installed, and automatic faucets were installed. All toilets were cleaned and repaired as well.
- Finalized the road projects with Chris, and bids were opened for the State St project. As you are aware, Rock Road came in as the low bidder for this one.
- Village Hall and Lions Park walking path were seal coated.
- Another round of storms came through, and we had to clean up and remove a few trees from Orth Road. After removal, Poplar Grove Township came through and mowed back the tree line.
- Received an update on our own boom mower – it is currently scheduled to arrive at Peabody's in October, and installation on our tractor will take place shortly after.

- Staff spent a couple of days cleaning up the fence line at the SWWTP. Trees and brush had grown over the north side of the fence line, and it was difficult to get a mower all the way around the perimeter due to this.
- Painted the lower bell of the Arboretum water tower. It had been tagged with graffiti and become an eye sore.
- Hired a new employee, Dan Salley. He comes over from Cherry Valley Public Works. It has proven to be an easy fit with our current staff. He comes in with general Public Works knowledge as well as CDL and plow experience. Outside of getting the lay of the land in Poplar Grove, he hasn't required much training and has been able to jump right into the work.

As always, please reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns. I am always open to going into more detail on past, current, or future projects and work my department is doing.