



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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Public Works Report, March 2025

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

- Completed oil changes, filter replacements, and blade changes on mowers; full services performed.
- Installed a fuel pump on the diesel transfer tank for the Ford F350.
- Changed knock sensors, exhaust, O2 sensors, spark plugs, and plug wires on the 1-ton truck.
- Replaced wheel bearings and brakes on the 2019 Chevy 1500.
- Put away all the plow equipment for the season.

Parks & Recreation

- Put out garbage cans in all Village parks.
- Installed "No Dog" signs in Village parks.
- Put out tennis and pickleball nets. Opening was delayed due to moisture on the playing surface.
- Finished plumbing in the Lion's Park concession stand and bathrooms—now up to code.
- Replaced urinal and p-traps in the men's bathroom at Lion's Park.
- Replaced broken parking lot posts in Lion's Park.
- Filed for and received a ComEd Grant for 25 new trees to be planted in Village parks.
- Started working with Cunningham Recreation to seek grants for updating and adding playground equipment.

Roads & Infrastructure

- Swept all Village streets and vacuumed out inlets to reduce leftover salt from winter.
- Used hotbox to patch roads throughout the Village.
- Cut out and repaired large, damaged sections of Deer Run Trail and Britnie Dr.
- Poured new sidewalk section at 219 Deer Run Trail following BBox repair.
- Repaired damage in rights-of-way caused by plows and winter excavation projects.
- Removed tree line encroaching the roadway on Breakaway Trail.
- Posted weight restriction signs during frost thaw.
- Repaired damaged skylight at Well 4.
- Resumed inlet repairs—ongoing for the next few months.

Signage & Safety

- Repaired damaged stop signs.
- Planning to update non-prismatic signs and straighten leaning ones this spring.

Administration & Planning

- Working on the FY26 Public Works budget in the absence of a Treasurer; plan to present to the new administration.
- Currently developing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the upcoming year with Chris.
- Collaborating with DCEO on a \$25,000 grant for capital projects—intended for the sidewalk replacement program.
- Identifying priorities for the upcoming Local 150 bargaining agreement.

Training & Certification

- Staff attended various training courses including:
 - JULIE updated laws
 - Mosquito control via BCHD
 - Pesticide application license training
- Pesticide testing is scheduled for April 22.

As always, do not hesitate to contact 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.