



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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Public Works Report, February 2025

- February saw multiple salting operations, along with the largest plowing event of the year—one of the more significant single events in recent years. Staff managed the situation effectively, ensuring road conditions remained in excellent shape throughout most of the event.
- By the end of the month, we received our minimum required salt order. Unless March experiences significant snowy weather, additional salt orders should not be necessary for this season.
- Repairs were completed on a damaged mounting bracket for the F750 plow truck and a damaged cutting edge on the 2020 plow truck.
- After multiple repairs a service leak in the Trails of Dawson Creek, and the new service had to be bored by NTrak Group.
- The hotbox underwent the remaining necessary repairs, including work on the combustion chamber and burner flue.
- Airbag suspension was installed on the Ford F350 to address rear-end sag and improve towing stability, given that this truck hauls equipment 99% of the time.
- A diesel fuel tank was installed in the bed of the F350, reducing the need for frequent refueling trips to the shop or external fuel stations.
- New runner rugs were placed at Village Hall, which were the final maintenance responsibilities under the Cintas contract.
- The blower motor in the 2011 Chevy was replaced, and the vehicle was fully serviced.
- Village wide cold patching was performed using the hotbox, with the expectation that this method will improve patch longevity throughout the winter.
- General maintenance at Village Hall was performed, including ceiling tile repairs in the bathrooms and soffit repairs near the side entrance.
- Seasonal equipment servicing started in preparation for the upcoming summer months. This work will continue through March as we transition from winter to summer equipment. Servicing of the MX5200, M5-111, batwing deck, and brush hog deck were completed.
- Plumbing work was completed at the Lion's Park concession stand, including the installation of a water heater, sink, faucet, and drain grouting. Final testing and inspection will occur in March when the water supply is turned on.

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.



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