



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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- Comcast work has continued throughout the Village. Locates have been fewer and farther between, as work has started on feeding fiber lines through conduit already installed. It currently sounds like Comcast is hoping to have service available to customers at the beginning of the winter. Comcast's government affairs rep has offered to hold a town hall for residents to explain the new service once they get closer to launch.
- Our road projects for the year took place in September. State St was resurfaced along with some sidewalk, curb, and inlet work. This project started at our southern boundary and was completely just north of Sherman Lane. Rock Road and Stenstrom completed the project on schedule with quality work. Orth Road was also resurfaced with nominal widening. Besides a new driving surface, this project will bring along additional safety for plow operations. Fog lines were also added to the road, which previously was not defined.
- Work has continued on the new DPW shop. The underground work has been completed. The floor has been poured and much of the steel frame is now in place. Paneling, sidewalk, curb, and parking lot surface should be completed in the next month to month and a half.
- Staff continued with mowing operations, including roadsides and drainage ways.
- Staff excavated, formed and poured pads for benches in Mansfield Park.
- Restored damaged ground in Mansfield as well.
- Prairie Green ROW tree canopies were trimmed. This is a task that is handled annually throughout the Village to prevent trees from overhanging roads and sidewalks. We are hoping to get to other neighborhoods in the next month or so.
- Adjusted various manholes in the roadways to prevent plow damage.
- I drove the Village and compiled a sidewalk assessment list and broke it down by neighborhood. Although I had hoped to have this started this month, it has not been in the cards. My goal is to attempt to get a neighborhood or two knocked out this year, but it will be time and weather-dependent. Unlike many of our other projects, I need all four staff members on concrete jobs, and it usually takes three days to complete depending on the scope – a day to excavate, a day to form, grade, and compact base, and a day to pour and finish.
- Sold the KX-033-4 to Bobcat of Rockford.
- Repaired boom sprayer, and sprayed neighborhood curb lines.
- Sprayed fence lines on Village properties one last time for the season.
- Performed all due maintenance on daily vehicles.

- Began servicing all winter equipment – as of right now, all fluids and filters have been serviced on our 5 yards, with the next step to put on all winter equipment and change out hoses and fittings. At this point we will check over all plow equipment for proper function, and leaks and make any repairs necessary.
- Next month will involve mowing one or 2 more times and storing summer equipment. We will continue on prepping plow equipment. The new 2022 Ram is scheduled for plow install as well.

As always, please 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.