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July 2020 Public Works Report

General:

An RFP for contracted snowplowing was sent out to various contractors, as well as posted to the Village website. Three contractors submitted proposals and Midwest Dirt LLC was the lowest bid. I have asked our attorneys to draft a contract to have ready for the August Finance Committee meeting.

For the first time ever, we conducted Village wide mosquito spraying throughout all residential areas within Village limits. I wrote the routes and calculated the mileage. The application was contracted to Clarke, an Illinois based company that sprays neighboring communities as well.

I attended a kickoff meeting for our recently approved Public Works facility. Design details were gone over with various engineers and an initial design plan was put forth.

ROW inspections were done as part of the final occupancy inspections throughout Westergren in July. There are multiple issues that arose during inspections. Ken Garrett and I had a meeting with Newark Builders to discuss the various issues that need to be addressed to obtain final CO's. As of July 31st, the builder still has not complied. ROW inspections have also been going on in Olson Woods, Sherman Oaks, Burledwoods, and Trails of Dawson Creek.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

Staff sprayed curb lines throughout the Village with non-selective pesticides to eliminate the weeds that grow in the cracks between the curb and streets.

Street Sweeping took place throughout the month.

Potholes were patched on multiple occasions.

Street signs were installed throughout the Village.

I met Todd Trieloff, with Bel Air Condo Association, on Lindbergh Lane to go over what their contractor found with the piping that was believed to be causing storm water backups. The right of way was returned to an open ditch design to assist with water flow. It was determined that a retention wall needs to be put on the backside of the ditch to decrease the slope and the association has hired a contractor.

We continue to have problems with developers/lot owners not mowing their undeveloped lots. Compliance letters were sent out with little to no response. Staff had to mow all of the empty lots in West Grove, as well as a few of the undeveloped lots in Burledwoods. Each lot will have a lien placed on them. I have worked with our attorney's office this month to re-develop the vegetation ordinance so that it can be enforced in a better manner than it is now.

Foss Landscapes finally completed their contract that they were awarded last year for the grading work behind a couple houses on West Park Street. There area is itself is relatively flat, but this project will assist water in making its way to the main drainage channel throughout Sherman Oaks.

Parks/Buildings:

Mowing is in full swing on all Village owned parks and properties. The fourth roadside ditch mowing for 2020 has been done and retention ponds have all been mowed multiple times as well.

Broadleaf and non-selective pesticides were applied throughout Village Parks.

I have obtained fencing quotes for our soon to be dog park. Dach Fence was the lowest bidder and will be recommended to the board.

The Village salt shed sustained wind damage on the evening of July 9th. The building partially collapsed and was deemed a total loss. NTRAK and staff have torn down what was still standing and a new one is on order. The building collapse also damaged our shop fence and that has since been replaced by Dach Fence Co. Lastly, our excavator also sustained damage from falling concrete blocks and is currently at Johnson Tractor getting repaired.

I've reviewed the plat for Concorde Crossing and discussed the three vacant lots with President Costanza. We are in discussion with the current owner to potentially buy them and turn them over to Belvidere Park District for playground development.

Water/Sewer distribution:

Staff adjusted manholes again this month with composite adjustments rings to prevent damage to the manhole castings and our plow equipment.

The watermain replacement project on 173 is still an ongoing process. NIS has everything done except for resurfacing the two intersections. Unfortunately, as soon as we turned the new watermain on, it developed another leak to the east. We are hoping that it is contained to the intersection. NIS will be back out the first week of August to expose the leak and trace pipe.

NTRAK was contracted to abandon a water service in an undeveloped portion of West Grove and repair a sewer lateral at 107 Summit St. NIS replaced a square of sidewalk that was removed at 107 Summit while they were already in town replacing the sidewalk that was removed as part of the watermain project along 173.

Staff excavated and adjusted two watermain valves that were buried and not serviceable.

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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