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Public Works Report, March 2024

- The new Public Works Building is nearing completion. Staff and myself have moved in and began to run operations out of the new facility. There is still odds and ends to wrap up, including paving and landscaping as weather permits this spring. The new space is beginning to take form, and as we begin more work out of the shop, things will begin to be situated to maximize efficiency.
- The timing of the shop work has worked out very well, as we are in a bit of a between season lull with major projects. It has allowed us to move in and organize almost fully, without interrupting day to day operations.
- Work continued on summer equipment, and is now ready for seasonal operations.
- Staff cold patched multiple days Village wide, including some areas specific to Resident complaints.
- Continued with boom mower work throughout the Village.
- Staff did an early cut, and trim in the Westergren neighborhood. The undeveloped section of this neighborhood is typically not maintained by the developer, and with new ordinances in place we anticipate monthly maintenance here. Cutting everything down and back early will make this significantly easier work going forward.
- We had a mid-month snow event, which ended up being fairly significant. Staff did an excellent job, even without wings, getting out ahead of it and getting roads cleared. By mid-morning it became a salt only event due to this.
- At the end of the month, all snow equipment was again sprayed down with salt neutralizer, washed, and protective coated. After the old shop was cleared out, plows were organized and stored there.
- As of right now, my plan is to store winter equipment (minus vehicles themselves) inside the old shop during summer months, and summer equipment there during the winter season.
- Once the electricians and jobsite foreman are completely cleared out of the new shop, the five yards will be brought up and parked in the new facility.
- Material and aggregate stock will remain at the old facility, as well as the salt shed for the time being.
- Shoulder and radius work took place on Whiting and Woodstock Roads. The Whiting work was a preliminary clean up and edge restoration in anticipation of the Pavement Maintenance work for this summer.

- Chris and I have finalized that work, and the bid letting will be discuss on the agenda below.
- The MOU for Beaver Road was executed by President, and a copy returned to Justin at the County. Currently, that project is scheduled for bid opening at the end of April.
- There are some sanitary laterals repairs along Bullard that need to be address, and staff will be making these repairs prior to resurfacing this road.
- We also have gathered more information on tennis courts restoration, and will discuss below as well.
- With the weather turning, I anticipate mowing starting up in the very near future.
- Spring/Summer work will be ramping up and we are currently working on schedules for drainage and storm sewer work, sidewalk repair, sign repairs, and road repairs as well as other major summer projects.
- Our part time summer help reached out to me and will be starting the last week of May.

As always, don't 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.