



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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Public Works Report, July 2022

- Our road projects for the year began this month – Sherman Lane between State and Oak, Roger Day Dr, and Hill St between Park and Main were all scheduled for work this year.
- NTrak began repairing curb and gutter, sidewalk, and manholes the week of 7/11. This work included replacing all 4 ADA ramps at the corners of Oak and Sherman.
- Curran followed up the next two weeks with milling and repaving of all three roads as well as a patch on Summit St from a previous sanitary repair.
- The work was completed on schedule, and the work sites were well maintained and organized throughout the projects.
- Jake and Zach have continued to trim, and have been able to pick up on most of our daily tasks very quickly. They have also started in on the on-call rotation, with Jake having had a couple call outs during waters shut offs. There have been no complaints on my end with either employee.
- Jake Kasper officially left on July 22nd.
- We sat down for a face to face with local 150 on July 26th, and finalized a new contract between the village and the union. This item should be on an upcoming agenda for ratification.
- Received complaints regarding the dead-end areas of West Grove – overgrowth and poor drainage. We were able to take the skid steer down and cut all six dead ends back and create swales for drainage.
- Mowed all village owned drainage areas, as well as all main roads with the batwing the last week of July.
- Repair multiple inlets throughout the village, and restored right away areas from previous repairs.
- Ground stumps throughout the village, came back and restored with dirt, seed, and straw mat.
- Continued new build R.O.W. inspections as well as MXU installs.

- Had issues with 113 W Edson during water shut offs. More on this situation in attached document.
- On July 22nd, I went to use the outside men's bathroom – which was destroyed. I spent the next few hours cleaning the bathrooms, and still was having issues flushing the men's toilet. After taking the toilet apart, we discovered 16 vape pens, 2 lighters, and multiple cartridges inside the toilet piping. After having the bathrooms closed during non-operating hours for a week, the office staff and myself received multiple complaints and decided to re-open the bathrooms from 7-6pm all week long.
- Had some issues with Three Hammer and TCOs, but after multiple back and forth have fixed most of the issues. We will be monitoring their request and properties closely going forward, as they have tried to cut some corners and still obtain occupancy permits on a few different properties now.
- After discussions with Chris regarding the new shop, I reached out to Aaron Eckberg to discuss the current land lease agreement we have in place with him on E. Park. Crops are too tall for Chris to get in and survey the property, but Aaron is willing to harvest the 2 acres we need access to early. This will allow us to stay on the previously discussed timeline going forward.
- Finished off the month will routine mowing, and spraying and trimming areas that the village owns.