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## Public Works Report, December 2024

- We rehabbed and installed a new dump body and hoist on our 2016 1 ton truck. The old hoist and body were removed, framed sanded and repainted, new hoist installed, and body installed from there. While the body was off, there was a lot of rewiring and cleaning up of existing components on the truck. The cab was in great condition, but there was plenty of rehab work in the frame, electrical, and pneumatic components that were completed. All in all, this vehicle is more or less brand new and free of concern for the future.
- Work was finalized at the Edson Rd shop. Staff installed a new functioning dusk to dawn light for property security. We also installed new garage door seals, as the new siding didn't quite line up with the doors like the old siding did. This property currently has all our summer equipment, as well as the tractor with boom mower and sweeper stored in it.
- Our part time employee started, and after a few days of training caught on very quickly.
- We had our first plow event, and staff handled it well. Trent was thrown right in with cul-de-sacs and did a great job clearing them. Outside of being a little slow to start due to figuring out the best way to run the route, all of the staff felt cul-de-sacs were cleaner than in previous years with contractors.
- Trucks were emptied and washed, and re sprayed with salt neutralizer. Again, I can't stress enough how the new shop and wash bay will lead to a longer life span on our trucks.
- The only concern coming out of the event was another issue with our 2005 International. The auger and spinner controls failed, causing Stephen to not be able to adjust the dispersal. We have a temporary fix in place, and we're currently waiting on pricing to replace the controls. I'm hoping we can replace it with the same set up, but this part is essentially obsolete and both Monroe and Bonnell are attempting to find a similar control with similar price points. If this can't be done, the only solution is an upgrade that would cost around \$6000 to purchase. Depending on the amount of retrofitting needed, this could be done in house to save on installation costs. Once again, I feel strongly we need to begin the process of purchasing a new truck as this truck is only going to become more and more of a money pit in the coming years.
- Replaced ceiling tiles at Lions Park. Looked into potential security additions for bathrooms. I think we have a game plan going forward to deter potential vandalism issues.
- Removed Christmas decorations from State St and Village Hall.
- Additional salt only snow events.

- Staff begin JULIE training for the new locating laws being implemented for 2025. These trainings are virtual, hour long sessions and will be done during down time over the course of the winter. Staff will also do sexual harassment, flagger, and work zone safety training this winter.
- Removed stump in drainage way on Walnut Grove Dr.
- Bbox repair on Cornflower.

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.