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## Public Works Report, December 2022

- Ian and Jake completed their CDL testing. We now have all four members of the Public Works team with CDLs. This will help immensely in the winter season as well as the on-call rotation.
- A few years back we compiled a list of B-Boxes that were unable to be located or buried in yards. The list had about 50 locations on it, and staff were able to locate and raise or repair 42 of them. The rest have been noted, and we plan to excavate and raise in the spring.
- Our 2005 International was picked up from Lakeside.
- Staff trimmed grass and brush away from all signs and fire hydrants along Woodstock, Orth, Whiting, Poplar Grove, and Quail Traps roads. With these all cleared during the winter months, the goal will be to spray to prevent growth early in the spring. This should cut down on maintenance during the growing season significantly.
- We had a few large potholes come up, cold patched and compacted them in the hopes they last through the winter.
- Continued shouldering main roads.
- Kyle and Zach went through the entire Village and added hydrant markers to those that were missing them.
- Swept curb lines in Sherman, State, Hill, Olson Woods, Burling Woods areas.
- Picked up the MX5-111 Tractor from Johnson Tractor. Nice to finally have this back after waiting about a month and a half for parts to arrive for the repairs.
- Salted during multiple snow events the last 2 weeks of the month. Most of the events were salt only, however we did have a couple actually plowing events mixed in. It was a good way for new employees to get acclimated the winter season without being completely overwhelmed. It also gave myself and Kyle the opportunity to ride a long with Jake, Ian, and Zach for some more hands on training.
- After the first set of these events, we took our first 100 tons of new salt for the season. We are once again a lot no less than 400 tons and no more than 600 tons. At this point I'm very confident that neither of these numbers will be an issue.
- The Monday before Christmas, staff delivered food baskets to North Boone High School for distribution to families in need.
- The weather warmed back up enough where we could wash and clean all the plow trucks. That is a rare occurrence for the end of December.
- After washing, we were able to spray another round of protective coating to all trucks.

- Chris and I continued to discuss and meet regarding the new Public Works shop, as well as answering questions about the plans from various contractors.

Although we have been relatively lucky so far in regards to the weather, I would imagine we are just delaying the inevitable. As I stated before, it has worked out favorably to allow for training under slightly less stressful conditions for the new employees. I think this will pay off in the long run, and help tremendously once the heavier snow starts to fall. Going forward, I plan on continuing taking advantage of the weather and lack of deep ground freeze with some ditch and drainage projects. Currently, we are looking at work off of Woodstock, Waco retention area, Lions Park/Village Hall drainage. Hoping the weather holds off long enough to complete the majority of these projects giving us a leg up on next year.

As always, please let me know if there are any questions, concerns, or projects that come to mind from a board perspective.