



# VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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## Public Works Report, February 2024

- The new Public Works building is starting to finish up. There are some odds and ends items that have been delayed (see Chris's report) but the majority of the shop is finished, with the office area on track to be finished in the next couple of weeks. Once the office area is complete, we will be able to start setting up the offices. The parking lot and Park St will be completed in the spring.
- We will start the move-in process the last week of March, the first week of April.
- Much of February was spent servicing and repairing equipment. With the lack of snow this year, we were able to go in-depth on our services. Every piece of equipment we have has been gone over in detail this past month.
- All plows, trucks, and other snow equipment were washed with a salt neutralizer and prepped for summer storage. Wings and plows have been removed from trucks, but salting mechanisms were left on two trucks just in case.
- Staff used the boom mower to cut back tree lines and brush areas throughout the Village.
- Cold patched Village wide.
- Chris and I have finalized the road projects for next year.
- Carina and I finalized budget items for the next fiscal year.
- Our new plow truck is now on schedule for July delivery. As stated before, there were manufacturer delays on the plow itself. Once that arrives at the end of June, or the beginning of July, Lindco needs 2 days for installation before delivery. Although there have been hiccups, we are still looking at a quicker delivery of this truck than we would have had from most other suppliers.
- The village has received a donation of a bike repair station for Memorial Park, which will be installed upon delivery at the end of March. This will be a nice addition to the park, as it sees a lot of bike traffic being next to Long Prairie Trail
- Long Prairie trail itself is scheduled to undergo some repairs this spring, so residents and trustees may notice some construction traffic in areas that go through the Village.

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.