



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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- Comcast work has continued throughout the Village. It has still been pretty time consuming, as the locates are intensive and oftentimes involve remarking or meeting on-site. The good news is that most of the conduit is in the ground, and they should be moving on to the next step soon. They are hoping to have the entire project completed before snow falls.
- Staff repaired a sanitary service on Summit, as well as a water service. Without the new mini excavator, both these jobs would have been contracted out.
- Repaired a damaged sanitary manhole in Westergren. Replaced the casting and sealed it inside.
- Painted Main St parking stalls, school no parking zones, and all crosswalks and stop bars. The county came through and restriped all center and fog lines on Village roads.
- Mowed empty lots in Westergren, Burled Wood, and West Grove.
- Repaired inlets throughout the Village. This time out we focused on areas with sinkholes. At some point in the fall, we will be back out repaired ones that have curb damage as well.
- Staff sprayed curb lines with weed killer, and string trimmed around signage on our main roads. We also mowed the Village's main roads. Most likely we will be back out one more time this fall for a final cleanup.
- Cold patched throughout the entire Village with hotbox. We also stockpiled cold patch for winter repairs as needed.
- Removed large tree that came down on Quail Trap.
- Cleaned up and finalized insurance for the totaled service truck. We also picked up a new service truck.
- Moved sludge at SWWTP, planning to spread it in the field next to the plant after harvest in October.
- Installed new signage at Mansfield Park. Will begin landscaping this coming week or so. There is an agenda item regarding tree planting.
- Hired fourth and hopefully final employee, Stephen Rucker. He came over from Cherry Valley as well. The current staff meshes very well and has a large variety of experience. Having staff that has all been in Public Works for a few years has paid off when doing the above repairs.
- Dan and Stephen both have concrete experience. After pouring various pads in the Village, I have decided that we will do sidewalk repairs in-house now. My plan at this time is to work neighborhood by neighborhood. We are currently looking to start tear out in Sherman Oaks

beginning the last week of September. This is another example of having the right staff and equipment allowing us to not contract out work we have in the past.

- Shop has continued on, and will see steel and panel structures start to go up in October.
- Reached out to Primetime Audio and Video regarding camera set up in the board room. I am going to get a meeting scheduled for the end of September and will have some options to present to the board at October's meeting.
- We are at the time of year when mowing starts to wrap up, and we start to prep and service all winter equipment. I talked with Erin Rains from Lindco last week, and the hydraulics for the new plow truck arrive at the beginning of the month. We are currently on schedule to receive the truck in the beginning of December.

As always, please reach out to 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.