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October 2020 Public Works Report

General:

All of the builders in Westergren have failed to complete the needed work to gain their final occupancy permits. We have reached out to them multiple times as a reminder to correct any and all outstanding issues. Contry Homes, Three Hammer Construction, and Gerstad Builders have completed a majority of their TCO issues in various subdivisions and are on track for final occupancy permits. There are some minor grading issues in Olson Wood's that still need to be completed. Staff completed ROW inspections on various new build properties and submitted any changes needed to our office.

Our 2007 International sold on IBID for $19,500. This money will get set aside and put back into future public works equipment purchases.

You may recall last month there were two contracts that were voted on with work to be completed with CURES ACT funding. Remodeling work has begun at Village Hall. The front office has been demoed and most plumbing work has been completed. Pearson's is waiting on a couple fixtures to come in to complete the work. Bufalo is moving along with their construction of the new front office area. Public works removed all the old desks and filing cabinets and put them into storage. We will store them for now and put them to good use when the new public works building is completed.

Staff prepped for, setup, and cleaned up after the Village Christmas tree lighting event. We also worked the event itself. A lift was rented to hang decorations on the light poles on State St and put the lights on the Village Christmas tree.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

We went out salting one time this month on the 24th. At that time, we discovered various issues with our plow trucks that have required attention this month. Our red 2005 International needed additional passenger side leaf springs added. The weight of the wing wore the original springs out. Our white 2005 International plow needed a new auger chain assembly and a new floor welded in the bottom of the V box. Lastly, our 2016 GMC 1 ton needed to have the salt spinner motor assembly replaced, as well as the plow wiring harness.

Staff hauled back some of our salt from the County Highway Department. This is a slow process as we have to sift through each load as we have found chunks of concrete from our collapsed salt shed in the salt. Our new shed is currently full and we will continue to haul from the County as needed and then start taking deliveries of the salt that was bid through the State.

NTRAK's work at Main and Washington is at a temporary standstill. The underground work, grading, and pavement work have all been completed. Staff checked all newly installed watermain valves for correct function. NTRAK is waiting on the rest of the vault to come in so they can set the pump rails and pumps. Lastly, their electrician wired in the control panel, but Comed needs to set their meter and make the connection at their main line.

Street Sweeping took place throughout the month with special attention to the neighborhoods with construction going on and on State St with all the silt from the grain elevator.

ROW tree canopies were trimmed in Prairie Green Subdivision, as well as two trees removed after they were damaged in a storm. Tree trimming also took place in Burledwoods.

Potholes were patched on multiple occasions.

VISU jetted two storm sewer lines for us while they were in town doing the sanitary clean and televise. Both lines were completely full of dirt and non-operational.

Multiple signs and sign posts were replaced throughout the month.

Parks/Buildings:

Nicor has completed the landscape restoration and temporarily patched the driveway at well 3 after they tore it up while looking for a gas leak. They will be back out in the spring to permanently pave the driveway.

Staff replaced the exhaust vent on the public works building.

There was a wind storm that came through earlier this month. It broke out dumpster door hinges, the men's outside restroom door closer, and snapped one of our parking lot light poles clean off at the base. Staff repaired both doors and McGilvra Electric capped off the wiring on the light pole. They will be back out to install a new pole and LED fixture when the parts are in. I have also contacted a roofing company to come out and inspect all Village owned properties for damage related to this storm.

I continue to work with our design professionals on our new public works facility. We are currently working on site improvement plans and waiting to get notification that the County has received our grant money.

Perennial plants were trimmed back at Village Hall and the tennis courts.

Fencing for the dog park is in and sitting at Dach Fence's shop. They are waiting for a good frost to harden the ground before they come out to install the posts to ensure they do not damage the recently graded and seeded areas.

Water/Sewer distribution:

Rush Power completed load bank testing and annual PM's on our treatment plant and lift station generators. They discovered that the generator on Waco Way had a leak in the radiator. It was imperative to get the leak fixed as soon as possible and the repair was over $2500 so Owen authorized getting it repaired under his emergency authority. Our attorney's office will have a resolution drafted for this month's meetings to reflect the authorization.

Visu has completed the contracted clean and televise work. McMahon's office will review the footage, but we already discovered that there are multiple issues on W. Park St. There appears to be a cable and a Nicor service line that were directionally bored through the sanitary main. There is also a spot that was directionally bored through and the line was removed so now there is a hole on each side of the sanitary main. These issues will need to get addressed in this upcoming fiscal year. I will be doing some research and trying to find out who is responsible for the damage and get them to pay for it.

Locates were done as required by law and are coming in daily. We also marked and called in our locates.

Meters were read and all un-reads were gathered manually.

Other work performed by staff included: door notices, water turn ons, water turn offs, meter installs/replacements, MXU replacements/installs, bbox adjustments/repairs, final reads, consumption/water quality/pressure complaint appointments.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at MHilden@villageofpoplargrove.com or 815-742-0418

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