



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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Public Works Report, January 2024

- The new Public Works building is continuing along. We are nearing the point of being able to start moving in, with an anticipated move in date of March 8th. There will be punch list work and odds and ends items to wrap up. The parking lot and Park St will be completed in the spring.
- Public Works rented a sky jack to remove the Christmas décor on State St. While we had the lift, staff repaired parking lot lights, and flagpoles throughout the Village.
- Repaired a couple of damaged manholes.
- Repaired a service lateral in Burling Wood.
- Repaired a water main on Bullard Street.
- From June of 2023 to date, we have now repaired 2 water mains, 4 sanitary services, and 3 water services. Minus parts and staff labor, this is roughly a \$90,000-\$100,000 savings by not having to contract out these jobs.
- Multiple snow and salt events in the middle of January kept staff busy for a couple of weeks, including a storm that brought 12.8" over 36 hours – which is the highest total for a single event in 4 years for Poplar Grove. On top of dealing with the large amount of snowfall, this storm also brought blizzard like conditions. Staff handled this event admirably, and we received multiple compliments from residents about our road conditions versus surrounding municipalities. I cannot stress enough to the quality of our current staff. They have taken on more responsibility in the past year and have done so with quality work.
- I have continued to be in contact with Lindco regarding our new plow truck and anticipate taking possession of the truck in the next month or two.
- Carina and I sat down to work on the budget and will have that prepared for the budget workshop in March. From a Public Works standpoint, I do not anticipate any major purchases.
- While winter appears to be wrapping up early this year, a lot of the next month or two will be getting set up in the new shop, cleaning up equipment, and servicing/prepping spring equipment. Winter equipment will be washed, treated with a salt neutralizer, and sealed with anti-corrosion spray. Plows and wings will also be touch-up painted.

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.