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Public Works Report, June 2022

- We finished the hiring process for two employees, Zach Knighton and Jake Pribble. They started work July 6th. They have fit in seamlessly to the group and have proven to be good hires so far. Both bring some experience related to some of the work we do, and that has shown so far. They have caught on to the job relatively quickly and have done well acclimating themselves to the village and our facilities.
- Received a written resignation from Jake Kasper, and his last day will be July 22nd.
- Negotiations with Local 150 are ongoing, however I believe we are in the final stages and should have an agreement soon.
- Dawson Lake Road began construction on 6/27, we finalized an IGA with Boone County to pay off our section in next 5 years. The estimate cost was 35,000, but should come in significantly lower.
- On 6/27 I received an email from Karri Anderberg regarding a complaint of downed ROW tree at 309 E Edson. The homeowner removed a limb that had fallen in the road, but was concerned about the condition of the tree overall. The next morning, I went and inspected the tree and came to the conclusion that it was a safety hazard. Unfortunately, the size of the tree (as well as location near power lines and the house) prevented Public Works from being able to remove the tree. I contacted Minnihan's tree service and met with him in the afternoon of 6/28. He was able to come out and remove the tree the next morning.
- Trenched a line to supply power from the NWWTP headworks building to a breaker box stand we had previously built. McGilvera Electric came in and wired the box up, we will begin backfilling trench this week.
- Finished Lions Park parking lot- new barrier post installation.
- Deon Dinsmore asked us if we would be able to spray all Lions Park diamonds, as they were over grown with weeds in the ag lime. Kyle and I spent a couple hours on 6/27 to spray. After our spraying and North Boone Youth Sports dragging, the fields look great.
- Chris Danner has continued with daily mowing and string trimming, as well as beginning to clean up around inlets and outlets in both Sherman Oaks and Prairie Green drainage swales.

- On 7/1, Chris Dopkins and myself had a pre-construction meeting with Curran. Work on Our MFT projects for the year began the week of 7/11, with removal and replacement of curb and gutter, sidewalks, and some manhole repair. Milling and paving should begin sometime this week or next.
- 4th of July storms caused some power outages as well as down trees. Kyle and myself spent a couple of hours the next morning removing trees from roadways and ROWs. We had no issues with wells, lift stations, or plants losing power for any prolonged periods of time.
- July 5th storms did cause a few issues, however much of the previous year's drainage repair prove to be beneficial. There were no flooding issues, and water seemed to travel the drainage ways in the south part of the village as it should
- The next day I did receive some calls from a few Bel Air residents regarding backups in their sewer systems. Myself, Chris, and Ion have been trying to determine what exactly happen to these specific residences, but so far have not been able to narrow down an exact cause. The 4 residents I have spoken with all indicated that there check valves or backflow devices failed, which led to backflow. On the villages end, the collection point lift station – although high – was within the levels it should be and pumping water as it should. I did come out that evening and looked at a few manholes as well. Neither of the manholes I looked at were full – I could see the very top of the pipes. Everything was functioning as it should. Chris and I have come up with some other things to look at, and will continue to address this issue.
- 216 State St – Further Discussion regarding this topic.