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Public Works Report – February 2026

Roads & Infrastructure

- A total of five snow events occurred during the month.
- All required salt operations only, as most totals were below or around an inch.
- Staff had a total of 13 man hours outside of normal working hours during February.
- No salt was ordered. We have reached 100% of our allotment under the State contract, and I do not anticipate having to order more. The next purchase will be under the new contract and will serve as an early season order to restock the salt shed.
- Swept majority of Village roadways to clean up residual salt.

Water & Sewer

- Began the GIS overhaul. Met with McMahon to discuss the process and develop a road map for implementation. Initial work will be completed by McMahon, with the field work aspect beginning this spring and summer. Public Works anticipates these upgrades significantly streamlining our field operations.
- Continued coordination with Kurt from TEST Inc on the SCADA upgrades. Programming is being done on location with TEST, and the on-site installs are on track for March.

Facilities & Equipment Repairs

- Remodel work continued at 100 S. State. The lack of weather events has put our focus on this project. We are in the final stages, including hardware and door installations, bathroom fixtures, trim installation, and painting. The remodel will be completed by mid-March. The project has turned out great, and I have been impressed with Staff's work on this.
- Washed trucks.

Administration & Planning

- Continued coordination with Comcast updating dialer lines at the wellhouses and lift stations. We currently have the SWWTP and Countryside lift station left to complete.
- Held a strategic planning meeting with Chris, Ion, and Kristi to discuss overall capital improvement plan.
- Finalized budget proposal.

- Began the implementation of the new Time and Attendance software. Although it was a bit of learning curve
- Maintained discussions with developers on active and prospective projects.
- Continued coordination with New Leaf/Contry on parcels in Westergren.
- Continued review of Surf fiber-optic permits; while revisions remain necessary on some plan sets, we are moving onto issuing permits for the initial three sets. Had a preconstruction meeting to keep the process moving forward. I expect construction to begin sometime in March or April.
- Continued review of Frontier fiber-optic permits; some of the plan sets have been approved, while others are still in the revision stages. This install should run around the same time as Surf's.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I am available to provide additional details on any past, current, or upcoming projects.