

To: The Village President and Board of Trustees
From: Chris Dopkins, P.E., Village Engineer
Re: Engineering Report – February 2026 Activity
Date: March 18, 2026

Please allow this memorandum to provide a brief summary of major activity over the past month that involves the engineering department:

- **Sludge Land Application Permits:** Permit applications have been sent to IEPA for their review. We are hopeful that IEPA will respond in late March or early April.
- **Capital Improvements (CIP) Planning:** Staff in in the process of developing short-term and long-term CIP. This effort will go hand-in-hand with the GIS program.
- **Surf Internet:** Surf has provided a total of eighteen plans to date (there will be a total of 41), and all have been reviewed. Many of the plan sets have been reviewed multiple times, either changes were not made, or new issues arose as changes were made. Surf has made significant formatting changes that should help expedite future reviews, and as of today's date, we have recommended approval of nine of the plan sets. Review of the plans has taken a significant amount of staff time and it should be noted that engineering expenses incurred by the Village will be offset by permitting fees. Staff has also conducted a pre-construction meeting with Surf, and we expect construction to begin in late April.
- **Frontier Fiber Optic:** Frontier has submitted a total of fourteen plan sets for review. Similar to Surf, there have been significant issues with the plans which have resulted in the plans being reviewed multiple times (some sets have been reviewed as many as seven times), and again engineering expense will be offset via permitting fees. Staff also conducted a pre-construction meeting w/ Frontier, and we reasonably expect Frontier to begin construction in late April, assuming the necessary changes are made in the plans.
- **2025 Pavement Maintenance Program:** The contractor has agreed to final quantities and the final pay application and closeout documentation is currently being processed.
- **Bel Air North Subdivision:** No activity in February.
- **Geographical Information System (GIS):** A kickoff meeting was held in late February, and the Village has activated its online account through Esri. Staff is currently assembling documents (plan sets, older water/sewer maps/agreements) that will be uploaded in the GIS databases.
- **South Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Staff is currently in the process of reviewing past agreements to determine if any action is needed on the Village's behalf as a result of the permitted capacity reduction. The documents are voluminous which is the reason behind the lengthy review time.