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Public Works Report, October 2022

- Staff finished up fall hydrant flushing.
- Finished up mowing for the year, including a final cut along main roads and drainage areas.
- Serviced all equipment.
- Prepped all trucks and equipment for winter work, including installing wings, plows, augers, and spinners. Tested and fixed any malfunctioning equipment.
- Took our 2022 Plow truck to Monroe to swap out plow and wing for a full trip edge system. This was the original equipment we ordered with the truck, but had been on back order. This truck is now completed and the withheld balance to Lakeside can be paid.
- Zach obtained his CDL, Jake is continuing working towards his.
- Hired a 4th crew member, Ian Carlson – he has proven to be a seamless fit into the crew.
- Started the process of winterizing and storing all summer equipment.
- Shouldered sections of main roads – this will be an ongoing process as it has been neglected in previous years.
- Continued inspections for new home builds in the Olson Woods neighborhood.
- Fall cleanup of hall landscaping.
- Installed new hand dryers in the outside bathrooms. We were having problems with paper towel waste, so installing these will resolve that.
- Cleaned up and reorganized shop for winter.
- I have continued classes at UW – this month proved to be a busy one for them, as I completed the majority during the month. As it stands right now, I have four classes remaining with one left for this year. I am still awaiting the schedule for next year, but in talking with the program director, two of the classes I need to complete the program may not be available in 2023.
- Park St sanitary repairs were completed, and the pavement patches were done last week (11/9).
- Went through the entire village and trimmed up ROW tree canopies.
- Restored damaged ROW areas for Ironwood repairs and Park St repairs.
- Took our Kubota M5-111 to Johnson Tractor in Harvard for repairs. The tractor had a major fuel leak and ac leak. Unfortunately, after looking over the tractor, these repairs proved to be too extensive to do in house. We do not have the proper equipment to diagnosed and repair these types of leaks and, because of the location, we do not have the shop space or manpower to tear down the entire motor to do the repair. The final bill on these repairs will be around 7200, but

it will also address some future wear and tear items for the tractor. We are tentatively looking to have the tractor back the first week of December

- Rush Power sent over results of our generator PMs as well as quote for the maintenance. After reviewing the recommended maintenance, this is something we decided to keep in house and will be taking care of on and off the next few weeks.
- The playground equipment for the future Mansfield Park was officially ordered. There has been posts on Facebook circulating the specific equipment and color combination we purchased.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. In the coming weeks we will have quite a bit of focus on the weather and everything that comes with it. At this point in time, I feel pretty good about our prep work. That being said it will definitely be an adjustment this season with a new staff. It will take some getting used to, but I have confidence in our guys to make a smooth transition. We do have some outstanding ROW and drainage projects that will be worked on off and on the next month or two. We also will spend sometime prepping for the Village tree lighting.