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October 2020 Public Works Report

General:

Myself, Owen, and Ken met with Vulcan Builders in Westergren to go over TCO issues and what needs to be completed. They said they would complete them within the month. Ken also met with Jake Petry to go over TCO issues. Three Hammer Construction resolved their TCO's by replacing incorrectly poured sidewalks in the ROW.

I worked with the Sherriff's office to address a vandalism issue along the bike path. We were able to catch two teenage kids on camera spray painting the storage building.

Staff completed ROW inspections on various new build properties and submitted any changes needed to our office.

Our 2007 International has not had any bids on IBID. It is listed right at, or slightly below, what similar trucks are being sold for. We will continue to re-list it until it gets sold.

I met with three different contractors to acquire all of the needed quotes for touch free plumbing upgrades at Village Hall. All quotes are in and will be ready for the board to vote on at a special November board meeting. I also contacted three different contractors to do remodeling work up front at Village Hall. The work being completed will enable front office staff to space out and be more efficient with their work. Carina obtained quotes for office furniture and cubicles to be installed after the remodeling is done. Work will need to be completed by December 30th to qualify for the CURES program through the federal government.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

Plow trucks have all been serviced, any necessary repairs have been completed, and snow plowing equipment has been prepped, serviced, and put on. We purchased USA fluid to apply to all of the plow trucks to help with salt corrosion as well.

Staff lowered a storm water manhole in Westergren, removed the solid manhole cover, and added a storm water grate to the top to allow for water infiltration. We are hoping this helps with drainage issues behind a few homes on Westergren Way.

Freedom Builders has completed our salt shed installation. Staff filled the gaps in the blocks with great stuff and rebuilt the loading ramp out of blocks from the old salt shed. Ion and I ran the conduit and wire, and installed the lighting for the salt shed. We also added lighting to the coverall building and shop yard to help deter any potential theft and/or vandalism. We appreciate Ion's assistance with the electrical work. Staff has started to haul our salt back from the Boone County Highway Department.

Staff mowed all retention ponds, Village properties, and ditches for a final time this month.

NTRAK started work at Main and Washington on the 26th and all is going well. By the time this report reaches committee level the project should be complete and the road should be repaved.

Street Sweeping took place throughout the month. Late October into November is when we typically do a thorough sweeping throughout the entire Village to clean up leaves and other fall debris.

Potholes were patched on multiple occasions.

Parks/Buildings:

I have been in contact with Nicor regarding the gas main leak on 173. The leak has been repaired and they are waiting for the saturated ground to air out before closing up the trenches in well 3's driveway. They did come back out to turn the gas on to the building so we can get heat in well 3.

As mentioned last month, various heaters/furnaces throughout Village owned properties are in need of replacement. The furnace at well 2 and the hanging heater in well 3 control room have been changed. Comfort Solutions is still waiting on the radiant heater for the grit room at the SWWTP so they can install it.

I continue to work with our design professionals on our new public works facility. We finally heard back from DCEO on our grant. DCEO has assigned a grant administrator and we are moving forward.

Mowing season has come to completion. Staff mowed all Village parks for the last time this month. All mowing and seasonal equipment has been power washed, winterized, and put in storage at the NWWTP for the winter.

Fencing is still on backorder for the dog park. Joe Cooling's hauled in 13 semi loads of pulverized top soil. Staff completed all dirt work and grass seed, fertilizer, and erosion control blankets have been put down. The seed has yet to germinate and with colder temperatures I expect it will not start growing until spring. The benches and dog waste stations are in and the garbage cans are on order.

Water/Sewer distribution:

Fall fire hydrant flushing has been completed for 2020.

An administrative warrant was needed to get into a residence. I worked with our attorney's office and we ended up going to court to get the warrant. Two Sheriff's Deputies helped serve the warrant and the water meter was changed.

Cleaning and televising began on the 21st and Visu continues to work their way throughout town. As expected, they had to do some heavy cleaning in certain spots and have discovered areas that they needed to bring their jetter truck to get cleaned out before they could televise.

Locates were done as required by law and are coming in daily. We also marked and called in our locates.

Meters were read and all un-reads were gathered manually.

Other work performed by staff included: door notices, water turn ons, water turn offs, meter installs/replacements, MXU replacements/installs, bbox adjustments/repairs, final reads, consumption/water quality/pressure complaint appointments.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at MHilden@villageofpoplargrove.com or 815-742-0418

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