



To: The Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Chris Dopkins, P.E., Village Engineer

Re: Engineering Report – September 2025 Activity

Date: October 14, 2025

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

- **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.
- **Candlewick Lake Interconnection Agreement:** Aqua Illinois has provided a draft agreement, and Staff is currently undertaking the review. We are hopeful to present the agreement to the Board for approval in November.
- **Sludge Application Permits:** DPW Howe has started discussions with area farmers to identify fields where the sludge can be spread, which has been a challenge. Staff has discussed the need to locate fields in the near future, and we are planning outreach efforts such that fall application is achievable. It will take the Agency approximately 3-4 months to process the permit once the application is received.
- **Surf Internet:** Surf has recently submitted revised plans which were reviewed and returned to Surf for revisions. We are getting close to issuing permits and we would expect Surf to begin work in late October or early November.
- **2025 Pavement Maintenance Program:** Work got underway and at time of the memorandum paving of Titleist is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 20th. Sidewalk work in Prairie Green and the other sections of town will start on the 16th and should wrap up on the 29th. The first pay application has been turned into the Village for review and payment.
- **Bel Air North Subdivision:** Earth excavation at the site is nearly complete. Sanitary sewer permits were received for the new subdivision, and we are pleased to advise that permits were also issued for past connections that were made at the Airport. The Developer has been making changes to the plans and we are hopeful that the changes can be approved yet this week and utility work will begin this week as well.
- **Frontier:** Frontier is in the process of upgrading its facilities within the Village to high speed fiber. Two plan sets have been approved and the Village is in the process of issuing permits to Frontier. Work will start in the State Street/IL 173 area of town and move south along State and west along Whiting Road from there.
- **Westergren Subdivision:** We are pleased to advise the New Leaf has expressed interest in continuing to construct homes along Sycamore and Hughes in Westergren. Staff has been meeting with New Leaf and we are currently determining what needs to be done w/ the infrastructure in order to facilitate the continued development of homes.