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May 2021 Public Works Report

General:

Neighbors' fest is set to go off on June 12, 2021. This year's event will include Fireworks, food trucks, a DJ, bounce houses, a big slide, a petting zoo, and Boy Scout flag retirement ceremony. Staff will be working the event to set up the fall zone for the fireworks, change garbage as needed, and attend to vendor or visitor needs.

With warmer weather has come many resident contacts over various issues throughout town. I prioritize complaints and try to address issues in a timely manner.

Our sidewalk ordinance revision has gone through multiple drafts and edits by myself and Chris Dopkins. The amendments will be available for the board to vote on at June's Administration Committee.

The standing agreements that the board voted on last month have been partially executed. NTRAK, Stenstrom, and Pearson have submitted a copy of their signed agreement. I am still waiting on BK Concrete.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

Staff undertook our first major paving project in the Village this month. I was able to coordinate a joint effort between our staff, the Boone County Highway Department, Poplar Grove Township, and Belvidere Township. Ellingson Road is multijurisdictional with a majority of it owned by the Village. Poplar Grove Township owns a small portion. Our staff swept the road ahead of time, Belvidere Township milled the butt joints, Rock Road put down tack coat, and we used Belvidere Townships paver, roller, and dump trucks, Boone County Highway Departments skid loader and dump trucks, and a joint effort by all on all of the labor to resurface the road. The Village and Poplar Grove Township were able to use Boone County Highway Department pricing on the asphalt. All of the above contributed to the Village and Poplar Grove Township being able to pave the road at a significantly reduced rate compared to if we would have put the job out to bid to a contractor. It will also last years longer than if we would have done another sealcoat application.

Two of our staff members attended a larvicide training at the Boone County Health Department that enables them to apply prepackaged mosquito larvicides into our catch basins and retention areas as needed.

ROW ditches, drainage swales, and retention ponds were mowed at the end of the month to get everything looking good for Memorial Day weekend. The next cutting will take place the week before July 4th weekend.

Staff cut down the remaining dead ash trees in Prairie Green Subdivision and a couple other various species that were in poor condition. We rented a chipper when we cut the trees down and also rented a stump grinder to grind out the stumps from this project and various other stumps from previous tree projects in the Village, including Orth and Quail Trapp Roads.

ROW inspections on sidewalks and new build properties have continued this month. We had a handful of issues with Vulcan Builders and sidewalk installation. They were required to rip out an ADA ramp and a couple squares in

Burled Woods. We also had to obtain an easement from a property owner as the sidewalk was partially built on private property at 472 Burled Wood Dr.

Streets were swept multiple times throughout the month with particular attention to Burled Woods and Olson Woods, due to construction. We also swept State St multiple times due to the granary.

Parks/Buildings:

We were awarded a $2500 grant for 6 trees to be installed at the dog park and surrounding ROW. I am going to wait until fall when we get into some cooler months to have the trees installed. The concrete pads for the benches and garbage cans are scheduled to get poured the week of June 21st.

Staff cut down 3 dead trees in Lions Park and ground out the stumps when we had a stump grinder rented for another project.

Weekly mowing and trimming are well underway at all Village owned parks and properties. Our seasonal mower starts June 3rd to help relieve staff of some mowing duties and free their time up for other public works tasks.

The roofing/siding/insurance contract that was awarded to Bufalo Contracting has been executed and they have pulled permits to get the work going very shortly.

Pesticides were applied in our parks this month. We applied a non-selective herbicide to areas we often have to trim to help save time. We also applied selective herbicides to help control broadleaf growth in our parks.

Water/Sewer distribution:

Spring hydrant flushing was completed when we flushed the north system in May.

The fire hydrant on Hill St that was approved for replacement at May's Board meeting is scheduled to get done at the same time when Stenstrom does the DCEO drainage project in Sherman Oaks. This will help save on mobilization fees.

The interconnect valve on Whiting Road that connects our west and north water systems needs to be serviced. There will be a resolution for the board to vote on at June's Administration Committee. I am recommending Dorner Company due the servicing as they are the initial installer and are familiar with the valve.

The replacement pump for the NWWTP lift station has been ordered and we are waiting on installation by Sable Mechanical. This was approved at May's board meeting.

PM contracts for our generators and lift stations have been executed with both board approved contractors and placed on file.

We stocked up on meters this month after being told that the same microchips that are causing shortages in other electronics, is starting to trickle down into the water meter industry.

Comed is upgrading their power lines along Rt 76 and it has caused various power related issues for us throughout the month. Well 5 and 6 has had to run frequently on one of our portable generators and Countryside lift station has had to run numerous times on its standby generator. Comed is hoping to have their work completed and reliable power restored by June 11th.

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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