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February 2021 Public Works Report

General:

This month I spent a significant amount of time working on and finalizing budget details. Our budget is ready to be presented to the Village Board on March 4th.

I have continued to work through design plans, timelines, and budget details with McMahon in regards to our new public works facility. We are still waiting to hear from DCEO regarding the grant funds and when they will be available. Chris, Carina, and I will have a detailed summary of our progress to discuss at the budget hearing.

Staff participated in a parade for the 100th Birthday of a WW2 Veteran by driving our new plow truck in the parade. We also did traffic control for the parade route.

Staff removed office furniture for Carina and Karri's project at Village Hall.

Pearson Plumbing was hired to unthaw the water service to our rental property at 100 S State. The service lateral froze when temps dropped well below zero. Per our lease agreement, the Village is responsible for all plumbing associated with the property, excluding fixtures.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

Staff responded to numerous snow/ice events this month. I have included a spreadsheet that tracks any related activity to snow and ice removal from Village roadways. It does not include the numerous hours that go into cleaning up after snowfall events. This includes plowing/salting all Village owned properties, including treatments plants, wells, lift stations, our public works shop, and Village Hall. Staff has already responded to more snow/ice related events this year than all of our 19-20 snow season. We also try and clear as many bus stops, storm sewer inlets, and fire hydrants, as time allows, between snow events. All processes related to snow events and equipment repairs have taken up a good majority of staff's month.

We have taken 525 of our 575 tons allotted through the State bidding process. There is another 50 tons on order and that will fulfill our contracted rate. However, we are allowed to go 20 percent over our contracted amount and I am going to chose to do so with salt prices as low as they are. We will still be approximately 20k under budget, even after ordering the additional 20 percent.

I had Tree Care Enterprises come out and give us a quote on ROW removal on our main roads and also tree removal and stump grinding in Waco retention pond. I will be getting two more quotes to present the project to the board in April.

Staff picked up fresh cold patch from William Charles pit and patched potholes throughout all of our neighborhoods and on our main roads multiple times this month.

Snow was cleared from storm sewer inlets around town as snow begins to steadily melt with warmer temps.

Work was done to almost all of our plow equipment/trucks this month. Major repairs included replacing the hydraulic controls and auger motor on our red 05 International. We also had new tires installed on the skid loader. The 2012 F-250 needed a new power steering pump and staff was able to install.

With temps warming up later in the month, we were FINALLY able to get a majority of the salt washed off our plowing equipment and trucks. This is only the third time all winter we have been able to do so, as we do not have running water, or an indoor space to park them to keep them from freezing when they are wet.

NTRAK's work at Main and Washington should be completed soon. Comed has hooked up the service line and meter to the lift station.

Parks/Buildings:

Staff installed proclamation signs for Poplar Grove Dog Park and Mansfield Park this month at President Costanza's request.

I have been in contact with Dach Fence and they will be out to install the dog park fence as soon as the ground dries up so they do not tear up all the grading work our staff did.

Water/Sewer distribution:

The sanitary sewer lateral at 101 Hill St had to get replaced. The homeowner hired Pearson's to clean their line and when doing so, their bit got stuck in the line. Upon putting a camera down the line, it was discovered that where the homeowners cast iron line was connected to our clay line, there was a separation in the joint. The bit getting stuck put the homeowner without service and knowing that the joint was separated, we hired Pearson's to repair the break by using the existing clay pipe as a sleeve and installing PVC from the property line to the manhole located in the street. I also instructed them to install a cleanout in the ROW.

Staff moved sludge for Test so they could fill the drying beds again.

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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