



# VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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## Public Works Report, March 2023

- Staff spent the first couple of days in March clearing brush and overgrowth from road signs and non-HOA neighborhood entry signs. Although these signs are not owned by the Village, they are located in the right of way and there is no HOA to maintain them. Due to a large number of complaints, we will make sure that they are kept clear of brush and vegetation going forward. However, if residents want them painted or anything of that sort, I have suggested that they try and form volunteer groups for that as we do not own those signs.
- Spent multiple days cold patching throughout the Village. We purchased a used hotbox this month. The plan is to start utilizing that this spring in the hopes that some of the consistently bad areas can have a more "permanent" fix.
- Zach, Ian, and Jake went to pesticide training.
- Repaired a shattered manhole in the Knolls. This particular manhole had a large enough break that the lid would no longer sit on the casting – the entire pipe was exposed. We had to cut out a 4x4 section of road, replace the casting, and replace the lid. Staff patched the road to grade after the repair.
- Staff salted a few times at the beginning of the month.
- After the first few initial salt events, we started bringing all our spring equipment out of storage and to the shop.
- Much of the remaining days of the month involved servicing all of our equipment - i.e. mowers, tractors, skid steer, loader, mower decks, roller, and gas equipment. All equipment has new blades, filters, fluids and any necessary repairs done and is ready to go for the spring, summer, and fall.
- Picked up new landscaping/small equipment trailer from Rondo Equipment Sales
- Washed and removed plow equipment on 1 ton – prepped it for hot box use and general hauling.
- We overseeded some park areas and the dog park, and also trimmed back some plants at Village Hall – including the rose bushes.
- I have had some initial conversations with Lions Club and NBYS on adding another baseball field to Lions Park. I feel that this would be a fairly easy, low cost to us project for staff.
- Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> we were hit with an unexpected late season snow storm that brought significant snowfall totals. Staff handled it well as always.

- After this snow storm, we began the process of cleaning, servicing, and removing all the plow equipment. These trucks are now ready to go for summer season work as well.
- The new shop is more or less set and ready to begin work. Water and Sewer extension is expected to start in late April or early May, with site work to begin in June.
- Chris and I discussed the benefits of bringing in off site fill, and determined that this was the best course of action. Using dirt from an on-site borrow pit worried both of us – it may not be usable and would cost us in the long run. This route will alleviate the unknown factors in using material from the site.
- I also finalized all materials and colors for the building itself with Steve from McMahan's office.
- Met with Cunninghams playground contractor on the Mansfield Park site. Work is expected to begin mid-April on the installation of the new equipment.
- I met with the County, as well as Helm Group and HRG, regarding the bridge work on Poplar Grove Rd. I will be getting weekly updates from their team, and will pass along any relevant information as it comes through. If all goes according to plan, the bridge will reopen in September.
- At some point early on in the summer, work is expected to begin on Poplar Grove Rd. Details are few right now, but the road will be widened and resurfaced. As I get more information on this from Justin, I will forward it along.
- Chris and I would like to work our MFT resurfacing projects around the two county projects as best as possible.
- We will have better idea on details of all these projects in the coming months.

As always, please reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns. I am always open to go into more detail on past, current, or future projects and work that my department is doing.