

To: The Village President and Board of Trustees

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

Re: Engineering Report – May 2025 Activity

Date: June 18, 2025

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

- Source Water Protection Plan: As previously reported, the reports have been sent to IEPA. The agency just issued letters accepting the reports as written. The Village is now required to implement the findings of the plans, and update the plans every five years. We will report on this more thoroughly in July or August.
- **South Wastewater Treatment Plant**: As previously reported, the Village's permit is up for renewal. IEPA has provided the draft permit which has been disseminated for public review. To our knowledge, there have been no review comments from the public, and we would expect the agency to issue the permit at any time now.
- **Candlewick Lake Interconnection Agreement:** Aqua Illinois is in the process of updating the agreement. We have reached out to Aqua Illinois for a status report.
- **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.
- **Bullard Street Fire Hydrant:** Contractor has completed the work and we expect an invoice at any time.
- **Frontier:** Frontier has submitted plans to install high speed fiber optic lines which have been reviewed and returned to Frontier to revisions in February. There has been no response from Frontier.
- **Surf Internet:** Surf Internet has submitted plans for fiber installation as well, and as previously reported the plans submitted to date have been grossly out of compliance with Village code. Surf has recently submitted revised plans for review.
- Woodstock Road (IL 76 Improvements): No new activity occurred since staff met w/ the Boone County Highway Department and the Belvidere Township in January.
- 2025 Pavement Maintenance Program: Engineering work is currently underway.

