

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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The Treasurer worked with Mark Olson on Wednesday, completed SLRF reporting, and worked on cleaning up an Unapplied Credit issue in Utility Billing. The Treasurer also worked with the front office to create a new permit process in Incode and worked on Board reports and the Construction in Progress update. Additionally, preparation for the auditors began. The Deputy Clerk completed liquor and gaming renewals and hand-delivered them, while both the Deputy Clerk and Assistant Deputy Clerk prepared agendas and packets for the Zoning Board, Board, and CoW meetings. The Village Administrator prepared research for the upcoming board meeting regarding the grocery tax, met with Four Rivers and the developers of 209 W Main Street – "Table Talk Supper Club" regarding their project, and walked them through the site plan review process. The Administrator also attended the NorthCOG meeting on Friday, met with a Library District trustee regarding the "Story Walk" project, and communicated with a potential buyer of village-owned property to discuss the potential sale and negotiations.

Public Works completed daily rounds for IEPA compliance, including data recording and water treatment for 6 deep water wells. The team completed 2 full mowing circuits, 2 trash circuits, and roadside trash pickup. They also completed ROW restoration in water main break locations, finishing the grade with black dirt and seed. Public Works continued routine wellhouse cleaning and maintenance and worked with the Winnebago County School District (WCUSD) on ongoing projects. The team conducted additional water main locates and re-marking related to Silo Fiber directional boring in the Village ROW and completed cold patching. They also performed 14 Julie locates, including a large-scale outlay for the Silo fiber network and a large-scale project at Amazon at Rock 39. The team completed 240' x 5' of sidewalk replacement on the 200 block of S. Seward, prepping with stone for the sidewalk replacement. Public Works removed trees and stumps in planned right-of-way areas, cleaned up debris, and added black dirt and seed to locations, including winter removal areas. They directional bored the first 320' of 6" HDPE for the S. Goodling and S. Church St. water main project and conducted a tie-in of the 6" water main on S. Goodling Street. The team also attended larvicide training for mosquito management at the Winnebago County Health Department and installed secondary containment for a chlorine tank at Well #4. Routine upkeep was conducted on ball diamonds and concession stands.

The Police Department responded to 64 calls for service, wrote 14 incident/supplemental reports, issued 17 traffic citations and warnings, and made 6 arrests. The department also investigated 2 vehicle crashes. 1 solicitor was issued a citation for operating without a permit, and the department worked on 3 FOIA requests. Chief White, Lt. Haff, and Officers McNeely and Mund attended a training session hosted by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. The training focused on updates and best practices for reading driver's abstracts for court-related purposes. The annual Body-Worn Camera Report was submitted in compliance with the state training board, Governor's Office, and General Assembly requirements. SRO Spelman remained active with the school district, handling various student-related issues and preparing for the final stretch of the academic year. The Senior Class cookout, organized as an alternative to the traditional "senior prank," was a success with positive feedback from students and staff. Chief White and Sheriff Caruana addressed the senior class, and officers were present to support the event. The department also engaged in police officer shadowing events, where high school students were shown various law enforcement facilities, including the Winnebago Police Department, Winnebago County 911 Center, Winnebago County Coroner's Office, Winnebago County Sheriff's Crime Scene Division, and Winnebago County Corrections Division.