



BOARD BRIEFS

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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Public Works completed daily rounds for IEPA compliance, including data recording and water treatment for 6 deep water wells. They completed 2 full mowing circuits, 2 trash circuits, and roadside trash pickup. The team completed a water main project at S. Church and Goodling St. and conducted routine wellhouse cleaning and maintenance. Public Works continued working with WCUSD on various projects and conducted water main locates and re-marking related to Silo Fiber directional boring in the Village ROW. They responded to an emergency water main break on Sunday, at 105 N Pecatonica Street from 2:00 AM to Noon. Public Works completed 17 Julie locates, including a large-scale outlay for the Silo fiber network and the ongoing Amazon project at Rock 39. The team removed 240' x 5' of sidewalk on 200 block of S. Seward and 300 block of N Main St, prepping with stone for sidewalk replacement. Trees and stumps were removed in planned areas of the right-of-way, and debris was cleaned up. Black dirt and seed were applied to locations, including winter removal areas. They replaced a culvert tube at 300 N Benton St in conjunction with a water service repair. The team began weed spraying on all Village properties and the walking path. Flushing and boil order procedures were completed, and 12 door knockers were hung for delinquent water bills. Public Works also conducted water shut-offs for non-payment and performed routine upkeep of the ball diamonds and concession stands. The hydraulic pump on the Hurco vactrailer was replaced.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Police Department recorded 59 calls for service, filed 14 incident/supplemental reports, issued 15 traffic citations and warnings, and made 2 arrests. A new UTV registration was completed for the Winnebago Park District at no charge. FOIAs continued to come in, with several being processed. Chief White and Lt. Haff met with the School District Superintendent and School Board President to discuss next steps in expanding the SRO program. The Senior Class's last day was on Tuesday, and although efforts were made to prevent a prank, it resulted in a prank but with no criminal activity and was handled as good fun. The county covered one and a half shifts due to scheduled staff training. On Wednesday, the 45th Annual Church Service for Police Memorial Week was held at Crossroads Community Church, marking the first time the event was hosted in the Village of Winnebago. All full-time officers attended, a first in over a decade. On Thursday, all full-time officers participated in High-Risk Traffic Stop training, a state-mandated class. Cherry Valley PD instructed, with officers from multiple agencies participating. WBS Fire graciously provided training space. Throughout Police Week, the department received generous support from the community, with Bonnie in the front office making treat trays, the Village providing breakfast pizza, and Dustin Jarrard from Country Financial bringing donuts, bagels, and drinks. A patrol vehicle was cleaned and displayed at Cherry Vale Mall for the annual Police Week display. Lt. Haff worked with IT on various cybersecurity issues, and the department finalized details for First Aid, CPR, Stop the Bleed, and NARCAN training, scheduled for May 30, 2025, at WBS Fire.

POLICE

The Treasurer worked with Benning Group for audit preparation. The audit fieldwork is scheduled for next week. The Administrator worked with residents on a fence complaint, met with the Building Official to discuss fence requirements, discussed a potential annexation with a contiguous property owner, and worked further on discussions regarding the sale of Village-owned property. The Administrator also met with a homebuilder to discuss Willingham, Highlands Residential, and unimproved Greenlee lots, joined by the Director of Public Works. Additionally, the Administrator attended various Police Week events, prepared for the 5/21 Board Meeting, and met with President Eubank for lunch to discuss various topics. The Administrator also coordinated with a business owner inquiring about liquor license requirements with the village attorney. The Deputy Clerk completed payroll, followed up with liquor license renewals, and prepared the meeting packet and minutes for the Zoning Board and Village Board meetings. The front office staff coordinated the door tags and shut-offs with Public Works.

OFFICE STAFF