BOARD BRIEFS

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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The Police Department recorded 47 calls for service, filed 11 incident/supplemental reports, issued 11 traffic citations and warnings, and made 2 arrests. The department addressed 2 parking violations and worked on 7 FOIAs. SRO Spelman managed several significant incidents at the school, including a serious report received over the weekend that required thorough investigation. Several overlapping events at the school and park district facilities resulted in parking issues in the area, leading to a spike in calls for service. Officers conducted firearm proficiency testing with the newly acquired patrol rifles at the local quarry with the Sheriff's Office. 98% of the new TASER units have arrived, and the department is ready to begin the rollout process. Lt. Haff coordinated TASER certification training with the Cherry Valley Police Department scheduled for June 10 and 12, ensuring all officers are trained and equipped before the Fourth of July holiday. Chief White hosted a site visit with the regional director of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) as part of the ongoing TASER grant process. The department submitted its annual DUI arrest statistics to the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for 2024. Lt. Haff also met with WBS Fire to coordinate First Aid and CPR training for all Village staff, with a tentative training date of May 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. The department received a competitive quote for upfitting the newest squad car.

Clerk staff attended the zoning and board meetings, completed the minutes for both, and prepared the necessary documents and packets. The Deputy Clerk finalized liquor and gaming licenses, worked with the assistant deputy clerk to continue working on revising internal permit processes, including driveway/sidewalk permits and fence easement agreements to improve the resident process. The Treasurer continued audit preparation, worked with the front office on updating permit files, and began working on reporting for the next meeting. The Village Administrator communicated with various developers on ongoing projects, including the Table Top Supper Club project downtown, coordinating with their engineering firm on preparing a site plan. The Administrator also coordinated scheduling a meeting with a homebuilder interested in purchasing vacant lots in the village.

Public Works completed daily rounds for IEPA compliance, including data recording and water treatment for 6 deep water wells. The team conducted monthly IEPA-required Bacti QA/QC samples from both the Village of Winnebago and the Winnebago County Water District, as well as additional IEPA and IDPH-required water samples for QA/AC. The team completed 2 full mowing circuits and 2 trash circuits. Routine wellhouse cleaning and maintenance was conducted, and they worked on water main looping at S. Goodling and S. Church St.. Additional water main locates and re-marking were done with Silo Fiber directional boring in the Village ROW. Mower belts and blades were replaced on the Scag, and the tire was repaired. Public Works completed 18 Julie locates, including a large-scale outlay for the Silo fiber network and the ongoing project at Amazon at Rock 39. They also conducted Bacti sampling and pressure testing for the Goodling and Church Water main. The team performed heavy truck state vehicle inspections and completed extensive vehicle and amenities clean-up after the water main installation. Water treatment chemicals were received at all three facilities, and double wall containment tanks were installed at Well #4 in compliance with IEPA mandates. Public Works attended the Touch a Truck event at WCUSD 323, replaced chemical injection equipment at Well #4, and continued restoration work at various job sites, including black dirt and grass seed for water repairs, stump removals, and sidewalk installs.