



BOARD BRIEFS

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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The audit field team was present, requiring the Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, and front office staff to provide various reports and fulfill requests. The front office worked on creating a 4th of July donation letter to send out with the water bills to residents and to previous donors. The Village Administrator attended a meeting to discuss the sale of village-owned property at Fehr Graham's office. The Administrator also participated in the ILCMA Leadership Institute, hosted by the ILCMA Senior Advisors in Normal, Illinois, where insights were gained from retired and current city managers on relations with elected officials, staff, and the community. The Administrator also met with the Director of the Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce, discussing how the Chamber can assist the Village in marketing economic development sites. This meeting led to an invitation for the Village to attend monthly meetings with the Chamber and other economic development organizations in the region.

OFFICE STAFF

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 completed ROW restoration in sidewalk repair locations, finishing the grade with black dirt and seed. Routine wellhouse cleaning and maintenance was conducted, and Public Works continued working with WCUSD on ongoing projects. The team conducted additional water main locates and re-marking related to Silo Fiber directional boring in the Village ROW. The Ferris mower was repaired, and 16 Julie locates were completed, including a large-scale outlay for the Silo fiber network and ongoing Amazon project at Rock 39. The team conducted the 1st round of weed spraying and weed eating, including the parade route, and began heavy hauling of spoils and fill from the Village yards. Blades on the Batwing mower were sharpened, and a full round of Batwing mowing was completed on 7 miles of walking path from Meridian to Hoisington and on Falconer, McNair, and Westfield Roads. Heavy weed eating was done around fire hydrants and trees, and a pet waste station was installed at Falconer, donated by a local resident in memory of their pet. Public Works performed routine upkeep on ball diamonds and concession stands, and completed storm debris pickup from heavy rains and stormwater maintenance. They also oversaw and completed the Safe Step sidewalk program and made improvements at Wellhouse 2 and 4, including floor coatings and secondary containment for chemical tanks per IEPA requirements.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Police Department recorded 46 calls for service, wrote 6 incident/supplemental reports, issued 11 traffic citations and warnings, and made 2 arrests. The department completed 2 FOIAs and attended the 45th Annual Police Week Memorial Breakfast with VA Dienberg. Chief White and Lt. Haff represented the department at the final event of Police Week, attending the command level events at Cherry Vale Mall. The team worked on hours of video redaction for FOIAs received, with assistance from Attorney Gaziano. SRO Spelman handled school-related issues, addressing minor criminal activity. The department moved equipment in the police garage to accommodate equipment being relocated from the office. Winnebago County covered a full shift due to an officer calling out sick. At the request of the school district, the department is gathering numbers to add another School Resource Officer (SRO) to supplement the current SRO. Officer Mund completed a week-long training course on updates to Juvenile Justice Procedures. Chief White and Lt. Haff attended the Northern Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Association meeting on May 15, 2025, where a presentation was made by the National Law Enforcement Federal Credit Union, and training updates were discussed. Lt. Haff also worked on registering TASER equipment with AXON and coordinated with IT on issues related to 2FA implementation. An agreement was signed with Buss Boyz Customs in Lena, Illinois to upfit the new squad.

POLICE