

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. The team completed 2 full mowing circuits, 3 trash circuits, and routine wellhouse cleaning and maintenance. They worked with the office on water service turn-ons and conducted additional water main locates and re-marking related to Silo Fiber directional boring in the Village ROW. Public Works worked with residents on driveway/sidewalk replacements and the associated permit process. They completed 10 Julie locates, including a large-scale outlay for the Silo fiber network and the ongoing Rock 39 project. The team conducted repairs, including the replacement of sweeper bristles and sweeper repair, and performed an emergency water service shut-off and repair. Extensive vehicle maintenance was conducted on the Polaris UTV and 2021 Chevy 1500, including oil changes. Final grade and seeding were done in construction areas, and gravel was delivered to the road edge on S. Seward St.. The team also cleaned catch basins and storm drains in preparation for heavy rains, weed sprayed the walking path and parade route, and completed batwing mowing of rural roads.

Lt. Haff is currently on a well-deserved vacation, so usual statistics are unavailable this week. Officers participated in Defensive Tactics Training at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. The department began planning for National Night Out events, which is an annual community-building initiative celebrated on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out aims to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Next week, officers will participate in Taser training at the Cherry Valley Police Department.

The Deputy Clerk prepared for the board meeting, zoning meeting, and attended the zoning meeting while also completing post-meeting duties. The Assistant Deputy Clerk started preparing for her upcoming vacation next week, including running checks. The front office was one person down as Stephanie took a much-needed vacation, leaving Bonnie to take the lead on Utility Billing this week. Bonnie also worked with residents paying their water bills, encouraging them to donate to the 4th of July fireworks fund. So far, the office has raised \$1,500 in the first week, with a goal of \$9,000, which is half the cost of the fireworks show. The Village Administrator dealt with personnel issues and attended the ILCMA conference, where sessions focused on resiliency, AI use in local government, infrastructure improvements, strategies, and ethics. The conference also provided valuable networking opportunities, allowing the Administrator to share ideas and build connections with other managers and administrators. The Village Administrator also attended a meeting regarding the sale of Village Owned Property with the Village President, Public Works Director, Special Counsel Kurt Asprooth, and the Village Engineer. The village also coordinated with a property owner interested in annexing to the Village, and with the Downtown Supper Club Project.