WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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A team of 5 Auditors were on site this week for the Annual Audit. They were originally scheduled to be here for 3 days. Thanks to the hard work and preparation by the Village Treasurer and other staff, they were able to finish their field work early on the 2nd day, which may potentially lead to savings on the total Audit cost. Additionally, the Treasurer completed the annual Treasurer's report, and will appear in the Gazette on June 20th. The Deputy Clerk completed 2 FOIA requests, completed post board meeting tasks and completed payroll. All office staff contributed in supplying information and reports to the auditors as requested. The Village Administrator continued preparing office budgets for 2025, and also participated in part two of three for an ICMA budgeting webinar course, all department heads were invited and have been provided recordings for the course. The Village Administrator also completed required NIMS training. Also, At Tuesday's Annual Winnebago Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Stephanie King received the Volunteer of the Year Award

Public Works installed 45 cellular meter toppers and completed 18 Julie locates. Public Works Director Insko and Streets Supervisor Johnson attended IMLRMA Supervisor training in Loves Park, covering topics such as trenching and shoring competent person, confined space and elevated working, proper lifting, and back safety. The team replaced 2 chlorine injectors and calibrated auto flushers at the Winnebago County Water District, removed 140' of sidewalk in Resh Farms, and installed a sidewalk with final restoration of dirt and grass seed. They rough mowed with a batwing mower along the rural road route and completed 2 mowing circuits. Parade route improvements continued with road crack and walking path weed spraying. The entire Pecatonica Prairie path was dragged after ComEd contractor work. A walk-through of the MFT project was conducted with subcontractors to prepare for concrete removals, and tree trimming was done for the license plate reader at Cunningham and Elida.

The Police Department recorded 40 calls for service and wrote 7 incident reports. No arrests were made during this timeframe; however, two ordinance violation citations were issued. Additionally, 9 traffic citations and warnings were issued. Two officers received awards at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner: Officer Jeffrey Spelman received the Community Betterment Award, and Officer Robert McNeely received the One to Watch Award. FLOCK cameras have begun installation in the Village, with the first one located at Cunningham and Elida Streets. Chief White and Sergeant Haff met with area Chiefs of Police to discuss topics such as crash reporting, area events, a large-scale active shooter training exercise, and various other items. Lighting equipment was ordered for the PW/PD UTV, and one golf cart and one UTV were registered. One of the police garage overhead door openers is being repaired or replaced, depending on the outcome of the parts. Sergeant Haff worked on the Motorola Camera Server, re-ran wires in the front office, and addressed Comcast phone issues throughout the week. Chief White continues to work on the annual budget to prepare a first draft.