

Public Works Annual Committee Report - April 27th, 2010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The Public Works Dept has had one of its most successful years since its creation in 2003.

Every year the Dept faces many different challenges, most are recurring, such as mowing, fertilizing, general garbage pickup, watering, weeding, etc. Some are projects that suddenly develop such as sink holes, sanitary back ups, clogged storm lines etc. Some have been problems for years, ie the front pond in deerpoint that has been worked on to a certain extent but not fully corrected.

I am very excited that the Dept, and the board has taken the time to recognize the challenges the Dept faces, and to be proactive in helping the Dept correct these issues that have faced our residents for many years.

Last summer, the Dept added 2 more part time employees to help with the daily operations. These employees are assigned to various tasks that make the Village look better, including but not limited to mowing, watering, weed control, garbage pickup, fire hydrant painting etc. They have also helped at Village sponsored events. This has worked very well as the Dept received very few complaints from residents. These employees are dedicated to Hainesville and I am proud of their work.

One of the largest projects that was completed last Spring was the replacement of a storm sewer line on Caribou Drive. This line has been a problem for years due to the fact that it runs between 2 homes from the street to the pond. Unfortunately, this line was leaking and the water was running into both of the homes sump pump pits causing their pump to operate every 15 seconds. This is unacceptable, and should have been corrected years ago. I am proud to say that that issue has been resolved. A new line was installed correctly and the problem is gone,

Another significant project that was completed last summer was the installation of drain tile lines in 2 areas of the Village where resident's backyards were retaining water. One area was along the backyards on Caribou Dr, and the other was on Emerson. Again, once this was installed the problem went away, The Dept appreciates the Mayor and Trustees support for allowing these items to be corrected once and for all.

A large project that is in the works is the Deer Point Pond. This has been a problem for years, it has had work done to it over the years but with little success. We have proposed to redo the pond to get the drainage pipes to the designed elevation, The elevation where the pond ultimately drains is 18 inches too high. This is holding back water in other retention ponds that flow into it. During a heavy rain, the water can't drain out as intended which causes all of the other ponds to retain water that they were not designed to handle, thus causing flooding in resident's yards. It has gotten to the point that if the Village takes no action a class action lawsuit could prevail.

Manhard consulting has shot all of the elevations and has devised a plan of construction to correct this issue. With the prior approval of the Trustees, Manhard has been instructed to apply for the permit from IDOT to get things started. With the approval of the upcoming budget, we will have this project completed this summer.

The Dept has also designed and prioritized water and sewer projects that are ready to be constructed when funds become available. We have applied for funds through the Illinois revolving fund act, but we all know how that will end up.

The Dept has acquired new equipment that was sorely needed to operate efficiently. A sewer jetter was purchased last June and has been used several times. We have also purchased a dump truck which helps

with hauling and unloading several types of materials. We have also purchased a small water pump to aid us in the watering of the entrances throughout the Village.

Last year saw several challenges and also several accomplishments for the Public Works Dept. We are looking forward to another year growth, challenges and accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted

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