

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
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Subject: Weekly Update



Police Department

Another busy week for the police department.

Last Saturday evening, Officer Brinks intercepted a 38 year-old woman who had been reported driving under the influence of prescription medications. She was ultimately arrested for her third OWI offense.

That same night at about 11:00, Officer Brinks assisted a 27 year-old woman who was threatening suicide. Between the medical clearance and the time it took ACS to locate an in-patient facility, Officer Brinks didn't return to the police station until after 9:30 the next morning.

On Thursday evening, a woman reported that her vehicle had just been struck by a hit-and-run driver while it was parked on the side of Hickory Lane. The suspect vehicle left a rim, tire, and other vehicle parts behind. An anonymous tipster identified a suspect to Officer Henning. The heavily damaged vehicle was found parked partially across the sidewalk at the suspect's house on Hawthorne Drive. The suspect, 29, was arrested for his third OWI offense and hit-and-run.

Officers received recertification for CPR and the AED, and refresher training for the Narcan injectors. Thank you to Jim Huyser at the fire department.

Chief Dolnick attended a meeting at the courthouse regarding a proposed change in how the Department of Human Services handles after-hours intake for Children in Need of Protection and Services and delinquency cases.

Fire Department

The last two weeks have been steady and routine. There were twenty-five medical and fire calls. Calls for chest pains and motor vehicle mishaps have increased. Our fire prevention program seems to be working. As we head into the holiday season, we hope this continues. Every fire department around us has had a house fire in the last two weeks. Keep an eye on our wreath in front of the station or go on our Facebook page to see if the wreath is still green.

Pierce Manufacturing and Rennerts Repair are still investigating why the pump gear on our main engine grinds when activated. They have narrowed down the possibilities.

Our new candidates are wrapping up their EMT schooling. It appears they all have passed their exams. They now have to go through a national registry process. We also have enrolled nine members in fire school beginning in January.

Contracts with the Towns of Polk and Jackson have been approved and are awaiting signatures. We also signed a new contract with ImageTrend for the new software for Fire, EMS, and Inspections. We hope to be up and running by January 2nd, 2017.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The Hunger Taskforce Stockbox Program was here Wednesday despite the cold temperatures. There were still quite a few who managed to get out and get their stockboxes.

Jackson Elementary School is at the Community Center Friday for their Kindness Retreat. Great to see all the kids here!

Santa visited our Tot Time class on Wednesday. The kids sang songs to him and loved getting his gifts. Kelly met with Amanda from Wellness Washington County about our collaborative Wellness program.

Park and Rec had a small holiday luncheon with our teachers and staff on Thursday. It was really great getting together with everyone before the craziness of the holidays.

Monday was the Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party. Everything went really well with approximately 200 children attending.

Kelly attended a 4K director's meeting this week. A parent information meeting will be held Thursday, January 12th at the High School Auditorium. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins in February.

GJBA Holiday Social was held Wednesday evening. It was a nice evening at Bilinguals.

Updates have been sent to the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the 2017 Visitors Guide.

Building Inspection

Getting caught up on computer entry work (permit and inspection report entry, census reporting) and providing year-end data to Grota Appraisals.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility programmed radios, cleaned well houses, and marked for Digger's Hotline. Data entry is being completed for the 342 of the 621 hydrants maintained this year. Sensus and HD Supply ran a "sandbox" prior to the actual run of meter reading with the radios. Problems were found and should be corrected before the final meter reading at the end of this month. The locator that signals the tracing wire along the pipe to be marked for Diggers Hotline stopped working and is being serviced.

The Street & Parks Department conducted routine maintenance and replaced broken trash containers. Eighty tons of salt were delivered for the next storm. If we receive the scheduled snow fall total, the crew will remove the snow along Main Street and the cul-de-sacs on Monday, December 19th.

At the WWTP, the crew is completing work orders. The lab room roof-top furnace and air conditioning unit is still out of commission. The new unit will hopefully arrive next week. Adjustments are being made to the boiler to provide the required temperature in the digesters. The cold weather froze the Lakeside Screen at the septage receiving station. A heater has been installed to thaw out the screen.

The handrail on the Stonewall sidewalk project has been installed.

The DNR has reviewed the Village's Stormwater Management Plan, and staff, along with Graef are addressing the twenty four items.

Clerk/Treasurer

Tax Bill Payments have been coming in steadily.

Packets for the 2017 Spring Election are available in the Clerk's Office. The last day to circulate papers and to turn into the Clerk's Office is January 3rd.

Record requests related to the November 8th election were responded to. Office expenses related to the recount were submitted to the County. The state-required election reports related to the election were completed.

Administrator

This will be the last Wupdate for the year. On behalf of the the entire Village Staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.