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Regular meeting of the Department of Public Works Committee.

Called to order at 18:07

Members present: Dave Quick, John Gritter, Brian Johnson. Ad hoc member present: Theresa Stroud.

Members of the public: none.

DPW supervisors report:

Typical annual spring cleanup continues.

Brian working with Theresa on reorganization of office spaces.

Brian and Theresa went over the DPW budget.

Brian states that he has been working well with the Perspective, the water operator of record.

Reviewed the emergency cleanup of a tree that fell into Blackman St.

The sewer main break at the corner of S. Paw Paw St. and Corwin Rd was discussed. Brian states that the sewer main was damaged accidentally by Consumers Power when they placed temporary utility poles. Brian states that that it is difficult to definitively locate much buried infrastructure in the Village due the lack of the original project engineering drawings.

Brian reported that the repair was made more difficult by a high water table but that a successful repair was made and that service has been restored.

Brian expressed his appreciation for the prompt and effective assistance rendered by Consumers Power to secure and stabilize utility poles near the excavation site, the material assistance of Fire Chief Anchor and his wife making sure that personnel working on the sewer repair got food and refreshment, and to the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department for assistance with traffic control.

Brian stated that he contacted the Village President concerning potential damage claims from residents who were affected by the sewer main breakage.

Brian reported that county municipalities are putting together a "mutual aid" organization and plan and that he would like the Village to take part.

There does not yet seem to be a major problem with delinquent utility bill payments related to the Covid 19 economic disruptions.

The committee will continue to work on the "water ordinance" as it is recognized that it needs to be completed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:00

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