

Report: Public Works

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Public Works Storage

The two new containers will need to have electrical service installed for items such as lights and air compressors. We have begun to move all of the tools to a centralized location and an inventory of the same. We are using the containers to relocate and store the materials and tools to discard the older deteriorated containers from our location site for the proposed new storage building to be constructed as a permanent garage and storage addition. Work continues on relocation of tools and equipment.

On-going Securing proposals for the electrical service and installation.

City Hall/Police

We are in the process of replacing parts and performing the repairs in-house of all emergency and back-up lighting for City Hall and the Police Station. We have also painted the Code Supervisor Office. We are scheduling the painting of the interior of the Village Hall. The Village Hall and Police Station emergency exit signs and back-up lights are working. All of the Emergency Lights at Village Hall and the Police Station are operational except for too very expensive main lights still analyzing if they should be replaced completely.

Update: Ordered two (2) alternative Emergency lights to replace existing.

Services by Great Waste

As reported in prior reports, we have had complaints regarding the collection of excess trash by use of the Great Waste Clam shell loader on a weekly basis. We have been made aware that Great Waste will now have a second rear loader for the purpose of collection of the excess trash piles two (2) cubic yards or less. This crew will collect the piles (as stated in our contract with Great Waste) by hand. The clam shell loader will only be in the Village on collection days Monday and Tuesday for the collection of Excess Trash piles in excess of the two (2) cubic yards. The Village should change the dates of excess trash collection for bulk piles to Thursday and Friday of the week. Moving the collection dates allows for a date within the same week for collection resulting in a clean Village at the end of the week. I would like to reiterate the need to amend the ordinance to instruct the Village of the responsibility for the collection of garbage and trash placed in the public right-of-way by the Village contractor exclusively. The right-of-way is public thoroughfare and as such it is not for the property owner to decide to place a pile for collection and decide to shop for a cheaper alternative to the Village contractor after the fact. Great Waste continues to collect the smaller piles with the 2nd sanitation truck and the bulk piles with the clam shell loader when needed. No complaints have been received about collection methods.

Update: Great waste continues to provide sanitation services with minimal complaints

Neat Streets Matching Grant

We are in the process of closing the Neat Streets Grant the 18 specified trees installed throughout the village by January 31st, 2024. In our next grant cycle, we need to apply for a Tree Grant to conduct a study of our large tree population to identify quantities, species, condition, and recommendation of removal, trimming and planting by a certified arborist. We continue discussions with the manager and grant writer to continue the process for next year's grant application.

Update: Waiting on Parks and Parkways Board for recommendations of how they wish to proceed.

Stormwater Inventory

We are in the process of scheduling additional cleaning of the drains and manholes throughout the Village for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. We continue to locate stormwater drains and manholes for the Village inventory. We identified and performed the drain cleaning of 49 structures and 710 feet of the respective drainage pipes. We have compiled the information of the cleaned drains and that of the remaining drains to an EXEL file marking locations and conditions of the structures. We cleaned the remaining 17 catch basins and 618 feet of connected pipe to complete all of the drains in the village before the May rains. We have updated the spreadsheet and are providing you with a copy.

Update: We are waiting on Enviro Services to schedule the cleaning and TV ing of the storm drain line on SE115 Street to identify the cause of the sinking pavement from NE 6 Avenue to NE 7th Avenue.

Intersection of NE 107 Street and NE 9 Avenue

We continue to pursue assistance from Miami Dade County in assisting the Village on traffic Calming measures for NE 107 Street and NE 6 Street. We continue discussions with Miami Dade County Public Works traffic division on possible improvements to the intersection of NE 107 street and NE 9 Avenue. As of the last Commission meeting, the intersection at NE 107 Street and NE 109 Street was reviewed by our consultant engineer and they have said that the Village Sign is not within the "Triangle of Visibility", I have attached their work product for your review. We continue to discuss the redesign of this intersection for a pedestrian crossing.

Update: We are waiting on the results of the discussions with Kimley Horn and Miami Dade traffic to provide improvements recommendations for the intersection.

NE 6 Street Irrigation System

Repairs and improvements to the irrigation system on NE 6th Street have been completed. We will be fertilizing and begin scheduled watering of the areas to beautify the areas around Village Hall and the entrance sign. the repairs will allow us to rejuvenate the landscaping by the "Village of Biscayne Park" entrance sign. The irrigation system on NE 6 Street has been repaired and operational. We are preparing to spread fertilizer to all village maintained right of ways.

Update: We continue to proceed with the watering of right-of-ways manually during this temporary drought.

Facilities Maintenance

We continue to make repairs to the light fixtures in the Log Cabin. The fixtures are approximately 14 years old and are not working properly. Other fixtures serve as "Emergency Back Up" lights for the building and provide lighting in power outages. I have ordered all of the replacement parts and Rolando will be repairing the fixtures and backup lighting as the parts arrive. Our facilities are a priority in maintaining them in operating condition as designed. These buildings serve the staff and the ability to provide services in emergency conditions to the Village residents. All lights at the Village Log Cabin have been repaired and operational, we are also working on adding additional outdoor electrical outlets for special events around the exterior of the log cabin.

Update: No change

Donated Vehicles

We continue to remove the stripping on the vehicles from the Miccosukee. The vehicles need to be checked for system warnings and any necessary repairs for normal operation. We are separating the remaining vehicles for auction of surplus property. We have decommissioned five vehicles from the

Micosukee Police Department for our use and are in the process of obtaining estimates for the repairs necessary for an administrative vehicle. We are continuing with the decommissioning of the rest of the donated vehicles.

Update: Repairs are being performed on the vehicles by various shops to have the vehicles operational by the end of the month.

Right of Way benches and waste stations we are repairing, replacing, and painting the wood benches in the public right of way, their condition is deteriorated and needs to be addressed, we are also installing two additional dog waste stations for a damage station and one for an area with a need.

Update: The bench by the log cabin has been refurbished and we are continuing with the other benches in the area.

FEMA Audit Hurricane Irma 2017 we are researching past files for pictures and truck load tickets requested by FEMA for an Audit of the payments made to the Village during 2017.

Thunderstorm 5/21/2024 we are in the process of cleaning and clearing all of the tree branches and palm fronds snapped on Tuesday evening by the sudden thunderstorm that passed through the village. We have collected most of the debris and have brought it to the Public Works yard for collection by Great Waste. Great Waste will be collecting the items placed by the residents on Monday and Tuesday of next week with the truck that is used for 2 Cubic Yard piles and under. Again, I would like to recognize John Jenkins and Early McWilliams for returning to the Village after being notified by the Police Department of the damage from the storm. It is "National Public Works Week from May 20th to 24th, (this week) and it only shows the commitment a public works employee has to the Village to always respond to any call at any time. Thank you, Commissioner Amsler, for your recognition of the men in Public Works and the cookies treats.