

## **CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK**

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Office of the City Manager

### **MEMORANDUM**

MEMO TO: City Council  
FROM: Sarah Purdy, City Manager  
DATE: August 18, 2016  
SUBJECT: Update 16/31

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES –**

##### **WWTP Update**

- One of the two primary sludge settling tanks is still under repair. It will be brought back on line as soon as repairs are completed. No change in status from last update.
- The larger of our two digesters is being taken down. We are pressing sludge directly from this digester. Our secondary digester is almost empty in case we need additional capacity. We will thoroughly clean and evaluate the digester when empty. No change in status from last update.
- We started taking down one of the two aeration lagoons last Monday. We uncovered significant issues when the lagoon was emptied. We are cleaning and evaluating how best to move forward with the repairs. We are soliciting assistance from the manufacturer to determine the list of materials needed to facilitate the needed repairs.
- We are working closely with DANC to determine our staffing needs. With the uncertainty of knowing the future rating of our plant we are trying to formulate how best to move forward. We are trying to address the information voids that have been created in the past by cross training our entire staff.
- We have postponed any hiring for a 4A until we better know how we should proceed.
- We are taking a serious look at the sewer budget so that we can position ourselves properly at the WWTP and so that we can evaluate our collection system.

##### **WFP Update**

- Intake Pump Update – Drive # 2 was repaired on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Cleaning of the filters started on August 15<sup>th</sup> and will be completed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will then perform cleaning every other week.
- Water main rapture at Morris and Ford resulted in the loss of 250,000 gallons. Quick action by our staff kept this number from being significantly larger. More information below under Unit 6.

##### **Equipment**

- Truck # 332 – 1991 International – Red Tagged for broken main frame. Truck is not legal to operate under any conditions. We will keep for a while to use for parts before we scrap it.

### **Road Cuts**

- Local hot mix is limited with Hanson supporting airport project, but we continue to move forward when asphalt is available.

### **Paving / Milling / Streets**

- Micro Surfacing of nine blocks was completed last Wednesday and Thursday. This is a trial process. If it winters well, we will consider additional blocks next year. This has a required 8-year life span by DOT, but is approximately half the cost of traditional paving.

- 300 block of Greene St was paved last Friday around the rain drops. This leaves us with 3 blocks left in this paving season. It is our plan to complete all work by Labor Day.

- We are trying to identify and address sign issues. Replacing worn and missing signs.

### **Sidewalks**

- Unit 7 continues to work every day on sidewalk projects.

### **Unit "6"**

- We had a significant water main break at the corner of Morris and Ford on Monday afternoon. A 25" section blew out from the bottom of the pipe (picture attached).

- We had an emergency water dig on Tuesday off SH 37 and ACCO Way. Turned out to be a contractor issue from when Maxam had their water line installed. We were happy it was a quick fix.

- Has been digging every day.

- Working on manhole and drop repairs.

- Performing water and sewer services as they arise.

### **Brush Pickup**

- Third Ward was successfully completed on Monday.

### **Paterson St**

- Punch list work is moving forward slowly.

- NYS DOT drainage near Burger King is in final design. We should see the work started before Labor Day.

### **Solar Array**

- The electrical work is proceeding. Panels are being interconnected.

- Partial energization is scheduled for no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, with full energization taking place by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

- We are starting some site preparation for a possible second phase of solar.

- We continue to move forward with the Tri-County Energy Consortium. The consortium is in the process of looking at wind power as well as solar, which could get us to our goal of 100% green energy sooner than originally projected.

**Storm Drops / Cleaning Sewer Mains**

· Crew is working on cleaning drops.

**Mowing / Trimming**

· Summer help will be leaving starting next week with all help gone by the 26<sup>th</sup>. Trying to hit sites one last time before they depart.

**MISC.**

· EAB – no new information.

· Summer help started the painting of hydrants to identify flow rates.

**Placement of Political Signs**

City staff have issued a press release reminding campaign managers and candidates that the placement of political signs is regulated by the City's Sign Ordinance, and directing them to the specific restrictions on sign placement. The press release includes the information that political signs placed on City property will be removed and stored at the Dobisky Visitor Center, where they can be picked up.

