

DPW Report March 13, 2025

Recent DPW activities, aside from snow plowing and sanding Village streets, have been invoicing of parts and equipment in the water department. DPW responded to a frozen water meter in February, at a residence. Several residents were requested to run their water this past winter, during the very cold portion of the season. DPW keeps track of potential and historically known homes that have had freeze issues, in the past.

DPW staff members, Dave Tompkins and Josh Rutila, are our State licensed water operators, that will be attending a upcoming annual MRWA conference in TC. This regional meeting is required for all Municipal water operators to maintain their license and to stay current with State mandated CEC's. This is also a great opportunity to learn about new and improved products and technologies and techniques, in a ever changing environment. This will be March 19-21, 2025

Upcoming projects include new and improved hand railing for the Northport Visitor Center. The exterior hand rail, leading up the entrance ramp to the center is deteriorating, due to long exposure to the elements. The new preposed railing will be made from aluminum piping and will be constructed and installed by DPW.

DPW is excited about the potential new "push camera" that we would use to televise and inspect pipes and cross culverts, also storm drains and confined space infrastructure locations. Most communities have something similar and/or equivalent set up in their public works arsenal. This particular equipment is capable of televising up to 300' inside of a pipeline or structure.

DPW over the winter has burned the large brush pile, at our yard on 8th.St. This is a process we do every winter season to eliminate brush and heavy-yard waste. We rent a excavator from a local contractor, to do this safely and efficiently with communication with the LTWP fire dept.

With spring around the corner, DPW will be looking to clean up the aftermath of snow removal, on village right of ways.

Respectfully Submitted
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