

## **Public works Report – January 2026**

During the month of January, the Town of Lake City produced 13,921,600 gallons of safe drinking water. The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed 1,386,220 gallons of wastewater. For comparison, in January of last year, the Town produced 14,874,500 gallons of water and processed 1,821,688 gallons of wastewater.

### **Water**

Public Works has begun preparations for the upcoming drinking water sanitary survey this year, including sanding and repainting minor rust spots on well heads and ensuring all water facilities are in top condition for the state inspection. We are also in the process of scheduling tank divers. They will clean and inspect both tanks and will schedule any necessary repairs.

### **Wastewater**

We have installed a mixer in the effluent line to improve disinfection prior to discharge at the WWTF. We are still in the process of adding a sodium sulfite tablet dispenser (dechlorinating) to the treatment process. We have also performed preventative maintenance on sewer lines prone to freezing during low temperatures.

### **Streets and Alleys**

With the small amounts of snow we've had, there has been no major plowing required. We continue to address ice patches in areas of concern by plowing and sanding as needed. We attended a demonstration/test run of a "natural" asphalt patch product, which may serve as a viable replacement for traditional cold patch. (Updates on the test run next month.)

### **Other**

We assisted Parks & Rec by digging a trench for an electrical line at the ice wall and setting up to fill the ice rink. Our new hire, Riley Moore, has completed all necessary online trainings. We have transitioned to hands-on practical training, including operation of the skid steer, sewer jetting machine, and various other aspects of the role. So far he is proving to be a good addition to our team.

Thank you,

Ethan Wuest

Interim Public Works Director