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To: Mayor and Council
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RE: Monthly Report

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During the past month, the water, streets, and parks department has been very diligent with completing the issued work orders as detailed below. Along with doing the work orders that are shown below, there are other tasks that are done daily, weekly, and monthly. For example, trash is collected from the parks and street trash cans six times a week and now that summer is here grass is being cut once a week, except for this past month we had to cut Mill Park and Memorial Park some extra times due to the amount of rainfall this month. We have been trying to keep up with the fast going weeds in the curb lines also, but the amount of rainfalls we have been having has washed the chemicals off before it even dries in some cases, there are only a few weed killers that we are permitted to use on our streets, so getting something stronger is not an option. In the water department, water samples are done every day of the week and state samples are done once a month. The Public Works Department is also given the task of setting up and cleaning up any town meetings. There are several tasks that are completed for tracking, such as work orders, time sheets, and all water reports and readings are logged in and sent to the Department of Health.

As I stated last month, I would be meeting with DNREC about our water ways and Foot Bridge behind Irish Eyes along with the fishing pier at the spill dam. Starting with the rocks along the river, Rob said that keeping the weeds off the rocks and other trash is not in there scope of work. What this is meaning is that if The Town wants to keep the water ways beautified, the town will have to stay on top of keeping the weeds and trash out of the rocks. Now on to the foot bridge and fishing pier, these two structures belong to them and that means that they have to maintain them. The along thing that the town needs to do with these two structures is to help inspect them, and if any issues accrue the town will need to notify DNREC. They are aware of the boards on both structures that are in need of repair. There is another issue with some dead trees along the park; these trees need to be removed. I reached out to the division of DNREC that handles these issues. They said that they would not give us any help in removing these trees. I know we can cut them down ourselves but there is one that is very large and it's leaning over the water. I feel

that the safest way to remove these trees is to have someone with a bucket truck come in and part them out for us and we remove the debris.

In the water department this past month, we have had a couple of leaks due to old lines that were put in the ground years ago, and new lines were put in and these lines were never abandoned. The one that sparks my interest is the old line that ran to Siler City Manufactory Company Inc, water tower. They had three inch and half taps and one three quarter tap in our main, that all went into one service line, that fed into the tower. This just goes to show you how the towns water system has grown over the years, these lines probably date back to the early fifties or even before that. We were also able to find a line that went to an old house that sat on the other side of Front St it now is also abandoned. A new service line was ran to the last house on the, I felt that it needed to be replaced while the hole was open. Along with some leaks, I have been working with Heritage Creek about getting their water main loop in place. This loop will run from Heritage Creek to almost Chestnut St. This will eliminate a dead end system. The main was going to be placed on the school side of route five, but it will now need to be placed on the other side due to other utilities in the way.

On another good note, Cannery Village is moving forward. By the end of September there will be a new punch list created for the entire development. Why it takes so long is that, every street has to be walked, manholes have to be lifted and looked at along with the storm drains. We lift the man holes to ensure that all drain pipes are sealed properly along with the ladders that are in them are in place. We will also be looking at all the curbs and pavement. There's a lot of curbing that will need to be replaced along with some pavement before the final pavement is installed. This punch list will also include more than just construction items on it, there will be things like missing trees along the roadways or a sign that doesn't meet the height requirement.