

Manager's Report

January 5, 2026

SEWER COLLECTIONS

The Town repaired six (6) broken sewer cleanouts and still have more to complete. Three manholes were repaired and there are a few more in need of rehabilitation. The remaining work to repair some of the older manholes through out the town is scheduled to start in January 2026. We are focusing on the manholes with inflow and infiltration issues. We are also working on broken storm drain repairs.

A community informational meeting will be hosted by Interim Town Manager Glenn Holland and Project Manager Caroline Bari with the Division of Water Infrastructure on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. The location will be the board meeting room at 114 East James Street.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

The Town averaged about thirty (30) leaks this month and are still trying to keep up the increased incidents of fire hydrants being hit and our aging water mains. We are working on a fire hydrant replacement plan. The Town hydrants are mostly out of date and the new universal hydrants kits does not work with some of the old hydrants.

Elmore Street is next on the main replacement project list. The two-inch valve and two-inch water main will be replaced. Work is expected to begin on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Vanguard Utilities is working on obtaining the FCC License to program the meters. They have submitted the request but have been unable to move forward because of the government shutdown. Once the government re-opens it will take approximately three weeks to obtain the necessary license. Two hundred meters per day are expected to be programed, one week ahead of starting installation.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Average Influent Flow so far for the month of December (12-30-25) is 0.994 MGD. Average Effluent Flow so far for the month of December (12-30-25) is 0.826 MGD. We have received 3.23 inches of rain so far (12-30-25).

The November EDMR and Spray NDMR have been submitted. In the month of November, the plant was still recovering from chemical dump, the only samples that failed were the Ammonia Nitrogen, and by the end of the month things were back to normal. The big digester has a broken arm holding aerator in place that will need a crane truck to come lift it out to be repaired. The broken arm has fallen into bottom of digester, which will need to be completely pumped out to find.

Data from the August EDMR shows that next week's samples were back to normal showing <0.2 of ammonia nitrogen. We have had another plant upset since July, the week of October 19th to 25th 2025, caused by the same problem we had in July chemicals being discharged into the sewer collection system. This time it was much worse, killing off bugs in the treatment process and a sulfur smell. What we found this time was a chemical called methionine was introduced to the sewer system. We hope this issue has been resolved, eliminating future upsetting. The town of Mount Olive is in the process of setting up a pretreatment program to help with these types of problems in the future. Per the SOC the town could face fines of \$500.00 due to missing the weekly average and \$1,000.00 for monthly average. We are working to have the possible fines caused by illegal dumping removed. The fine for exceeding flow may have to be paid.

STREET SIGNS INSTALLED:

Eighteen Stop Signs were replaced. The materials for the other street signs have arrived and these signs are in the process of being made. The hours of operations sign at the Recyclable Center has been updated.

ADDITION STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

A list of work orders for new repairs to streetlights will go out this month.