

Town Manager Report - March 2023

This month has been extremely busy for the entire town staff.

The window blinds have been installed in the Town Hall back hallway and the Town Manager's office. Now, all the windows in the Town Hall have matching vertical blinds.

In regards to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) replacing old water lines, the Grant Administer has been chosen and approved by the Town Council. Andy Easton & Associates will be representing the Town of Penney Farms for this grant. Mr. Easton has worked very well with the Town on other grants and will be a good liaison with the State during this grant process.

Last month, all of the palm trees were trimmed on Poling Blvd. This month trees were trimmed on Caroline Blvd.; Booker Avenue; and at the Playground Park, by the public works staff.

The public works staff spent a couple of weeks repairing the storm water drain located on Morton Street, between Poling Blvd. and Ott Avenue. The staff put in a whole new 4" line and this has corrected the flooding problem in this area.

The Town's Water Administrator, Josh Young went to Ocala to attend the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) conference to be informed of new changes and policies to be expected regarding the Town's water utility system. In addition, the Town completed the annually required Water and Sewer Revenue Plans in association with FRWA.

The water new water coolers at the Playground Park have been repaired and are working correctly. The repair came from someone putting sand and sticks in the fountain.

Pump # 2 at the master lift station has been re-installed and is now working as it should.

The guard rails at the corner of Wilbank Avenue and State Road 16 have been replaced and repaired, due to safety concerns.

The old Playground equipment has been removed. The new playground equipment should be here by mid-April, according to the supplier. This will be a nice improvement to the playground park.

The Town Clerk and I have attended the first meeting with the Clay County Emergency Operations Center (CCEOC) regarding the upcoming hurricane season. They expect another busy season and will have more meetings lined up in the next couple of months.

I have attended all of the Town's required meetings for this month.

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