

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frayer called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn, Ann Wennerstrand, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Dajuan Wiggins

At Roll Call there were six (6) Committee members present constituting a quorum. Darlene Young was not present.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 2024

Chairman Frayer stated on Section V.F., page 5, second paragraph it reads: Ms. Valadares reported on this. This project is part of their federal bridge program. This bridge was considered to be in poor condition two years ago. It has been under design with their consultant Benesch to replace the bridge. The designs and permits were finalized. Then they advertised the project to bid. The State will reimburse the city a very good amount. In past years the split was 80 to 20 percent share now it may become 100 percent. To expedite the process, they are waiting for DOT to finalize and accept the bids. They are waiting for the acceptance letter. They would like to begin this project during the next construction season. It should read: *Ms. Valadares reported on this. This project is part of the city's federal bridge program. This bridge was considered to be in poor condition two years ago. It has been under design with the city's consultant Benesch to replace the bridge. The designs and permits were finalized. Then the city advertised the project to bid. The State will reimburse the city a very good amount. In past years the split was 80 to 20 percent share now it may become 100 percent. To expedite the process, the city is waiting for DOT to finalize and accept the bids. The city is waiting for the acceptance letter. The city would like to begin this project during the next construction season.*

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM WITH CORRECTION.**

****MOTION PASSED WITH CORRECTION**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Diane Lauricella greeted the Committee. She said she is looking forward to changes in a positive way to reduce the waste that they have that goes for the high tipping fee trash and optimize their other waste streams to truly save money. She talked about education and its role in saving money. She said that she has not seen the creative educational opportunities. She gave examples and doesn't feel the city has a good recycling rate. She mentioned money called nips that can be used for education. Stated that the Chairman's predecessor did not feel there was a need to discuss this and asked him to rethink where the money could be spent. Shouldn't wait until July 1st for Win Waste to educate the community. Reconsider the approach in education and its role.

Reverend Luis Rivera spoke regarding the honorary street naming for Reverend Ramon Figueroa. Reverend Ramon Figueroa has served the community for 45 years. He was the first Hispanic Reverend in Norwalk and the founder of the Pentecostal Church John 3:16 in Norwalk. He was a Police Chaplin for many years and a Housing Commissioner in Norwalk. He has done so much for the Norwalk Community. Reverend Luis Rivera asked the Committee to accept their request to honor Reverend Figueroa.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF WOODWARD AVENUE FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO BURRITT AVENUE TO BE NAMED REVEREND RAMON FIGUEROA WAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED HONORARY STREET NAMING AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION ON SAID NAMING THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 AT 7:00P.M. VIA ZOOM.

The Committee stated that there should be more individuals from the community speaking about Reverend Ramon Figueroa about what he meant to the community.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED THE ITEM WITH COMMENTS**

****MOTION PASSED WITH COMMENTS**

B. AUTHORIZE, MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT OVER 12 LUBRANO PLACE, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, FOR PURPOSES OF ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE.

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. Plans were approved for work on the property. An easement already exists, so they just need to relocate a pipe. They are reestablishing the prior easement. There will be no cost to the City. All the work is done.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. P&Z 8-24 REFERRAL: REFERRAL OF THE PROPOSED EASEMENT OVER 12 LUBRANO PLACE, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, FOR PURPOSES OF ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE, FOR REVIEW AND REPORT.

Ms. Valadares stated that this item is for an 8-24 referral. This needs to be done prior to going to the Common Council.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AI ENGINEERS INC. FOR PROJECT PSC2023-1 ON-CALL SURVEYING AND MAPPING SERVICES. THE AMENDMENT IS TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TERM FOR ONE (1) YEAR.
ACCOUNT NO. 09 25 4021 5777 C0318

09 25 4021 5777 C0021

09 25 4021 5777 C0302

09 25 3750 5777 C0824

Mr. Meehan reported on this item. They are looking to extend the current contract for surveying services. They have utilized AI Engineers in the past and are satisfied with their work. They would like to extend the current contract.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 9, 2024, AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR PROJECT PM2024-2 PERMANENT ROADWAY REPAIRS AND SURFACE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

Mr. Meehan reported that this is an annual recurring contract that they have with Burns

Construction. He explained how the patch repair contract works. Burns Construction's work is satisfactory and would like to extend the contract.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER WAS NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF VOTE**

****MOTION PASSED**

F. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 2ND AMENDMENT TO THE JULY 20, 2023 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND CDM SMITH INC., FOR PROJECT NOS. 4240 AND 4240A, DRG2023-2 ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$272,710.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 25 4027 5777 C0425

09 24 4027 5777 C0440

09 25 4027 5777 C0440

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She reminded the Committee about the presentation given by CDM Smith last year regarding the preliminary study for storm water utility. She requested a proposal from CDM Smith to initiate what will be the second phase. She explained a little about the second phase and impervious areas of all the properties they have and public outreach on storm water utility. A committee will be formed out of this. This is the necessary steps toward a storm water utility.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

G. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFETY MARKINGS, LLC FOR PROJECT TMP2025-1 PAVEMENT MARKINGS, SYMBOLS, AND LEGENDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4120 5777 C0598

09 20 4120 5777 C0598

09 21 4120 5777 C0598

09 24 3750 5777 C0562

09 25 3750 5777 C0562

36 3751 5345 G0017

Mr. Pacelli reported on this. He gave a brief background explaining the bid process. This project will consist of various types of new and refurbished pavement markings on existing asphalt roadway services.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS

A. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING NOV-DEC 2024

Mr. Torre stated there were 29 tree removals and over 400 planted during this time period. There were 27 safety pruning's as well.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT NOV-DEC 2024

Mr. Szabo stated he met with Ms. Lauricella earlier in the week and they spoke about recycling, composting and potential opportunities for waste streams in the future. They are always working toward ways to improve. He is also looking for a recycling intern. He said the garbage decreased and there has been more recycling. There are programs to divert some of the solid waste out of the mainstream like the mattress program and food composting. They spoke about educating the residents.

C. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT NOV-DEC 2024

Ms. Valadares stated that they have included a line item in the budget for the food scrap program so it will no longer be a pilot program. They are focusing on residents and only collect from the residents not commercial. They would like to open more sites for this program. They would like to make the program stronger for the residents.

D. UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

1. 2024 METRICS

Ms. Valadares and Mr. Meehan reported on this item. Mr. Meehan shared his screen and went over the metrics for DPW in 2024.

VII. DISCUSSION

There was no report on this item.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dunn moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

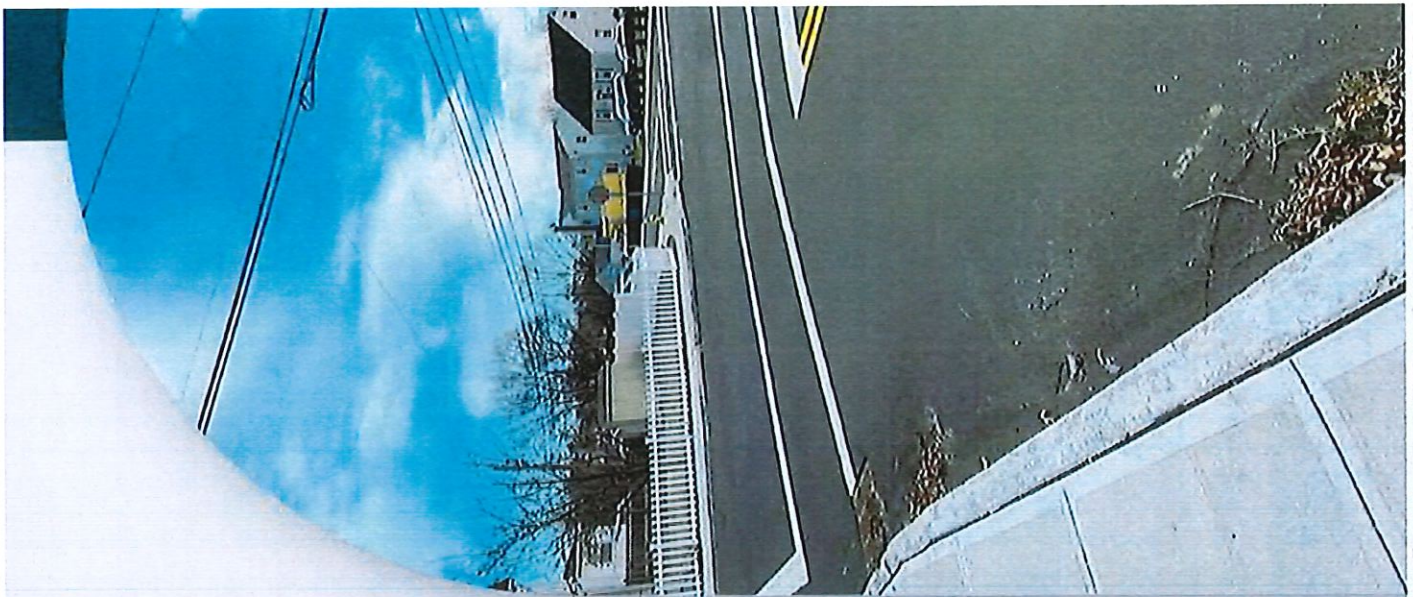
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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD**

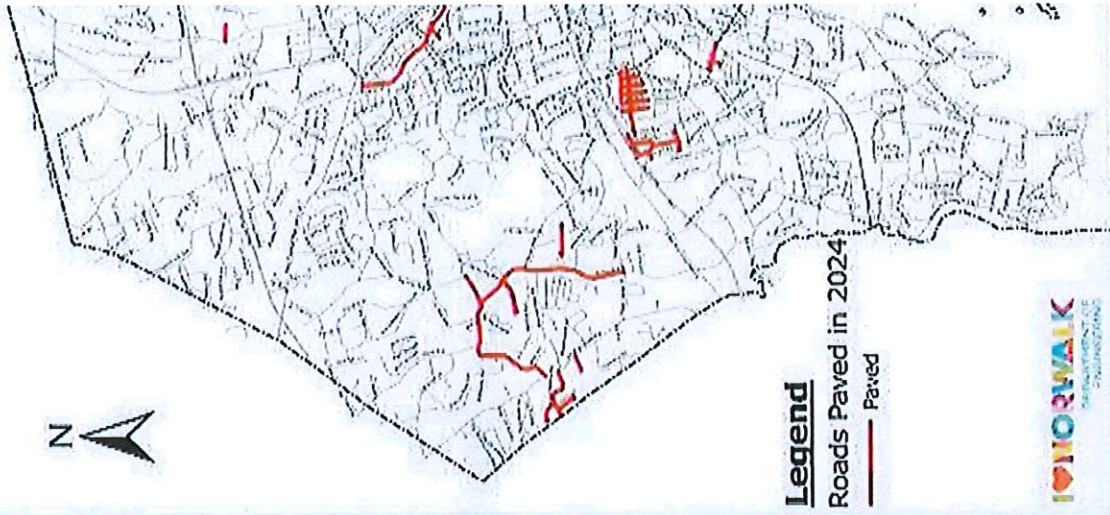
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2024 METRICS



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PAVING PROGRAM 2024

STREETS PAVED

STREETS PAVED IN 2023		
# of Roads	34	
Linear Ft Paved	53,154 ft	
Center Lane Miles Paved	10.07 mi	

STREETS PAVED IN 2024		
# of Roads	38	
Linear Ft Paved	57,288 ft	
Center Lane Miles Paved	10.85 mi	



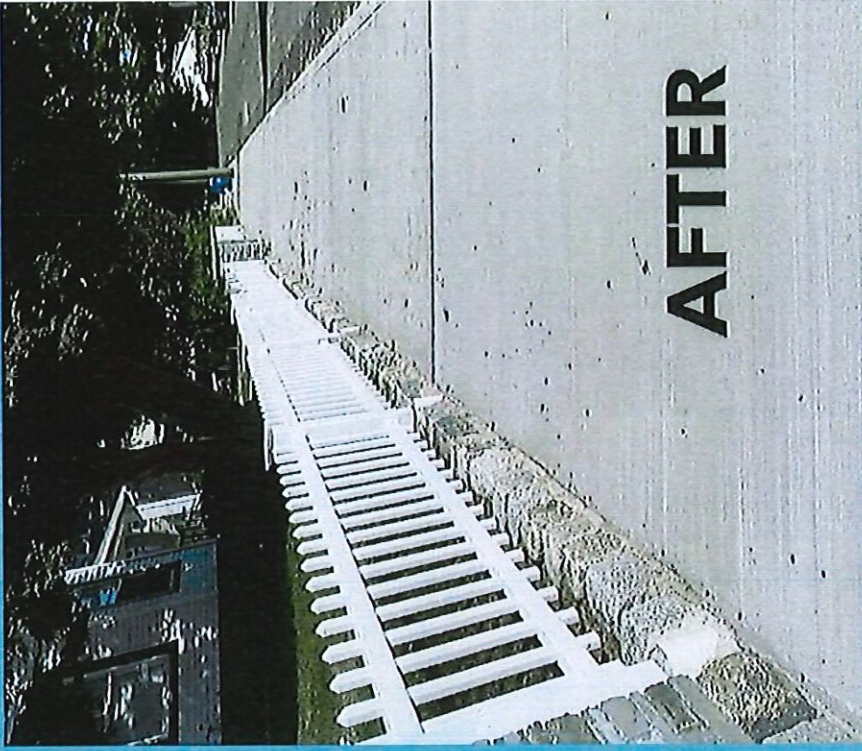
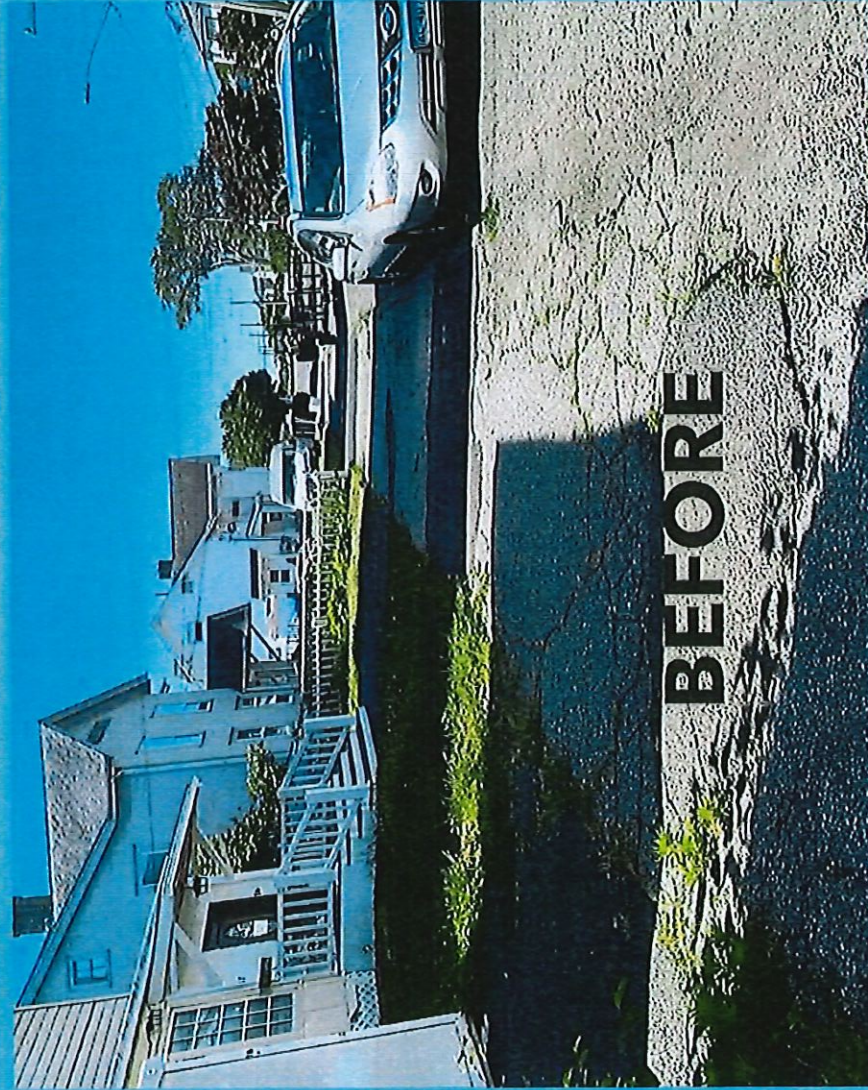
COMPLETED SIDEWALKS 20

Asphalt Sidewalk	2 mi
Concrete Sidewalk	1.2 mi
Total:	3.2 mi



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CONCRETE SIDEWALKS IN THE BERKLE



DPW PERMITS

Encroachment Permits Issued	454
Encroachment Permits Reviewed	524
Driveway Permits Issued	144
Driveway Permits Reviewed	169

2024 DRAINAGE

Dreamy Hollow/Betts Brook Storm, V Main & Sanitary Improvements Proj,

- Estimated Cost: \$10.2 M
- Total Completed Cost: \$9 M



2024 DRAINAGE

- Over \$1.8 Million in improvements Drainage
- Over 4,000 Feet of New Pipe installed
- Installed 51 New Catch Basin Structures
- 6 Combined Sanitary/Storm Systems disconnected



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51,486 linear
feet of pipes
were inspected
by video this
year.



2024 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



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SPRING CYCLE 221

FALL CYCLE 233

TOTAL # OF 454

TREES
PLANTED

SOLID WASTE 2024

Pounds of Food Scraps Dropped-off	103 Tons
Tons of Recycling	9,022 Tons
Tons of Yard Waste Collected	7,008 Tons
Tons of Solid Waste Collected at the Transfer Station	11,335.05 Tons
Tons of Solid Waste Curb Collected	12,660.16 Tons
Tons of Bulky Waste Collected	129.08 Tons
Number of Bulky Waste Collections	1092 Tons

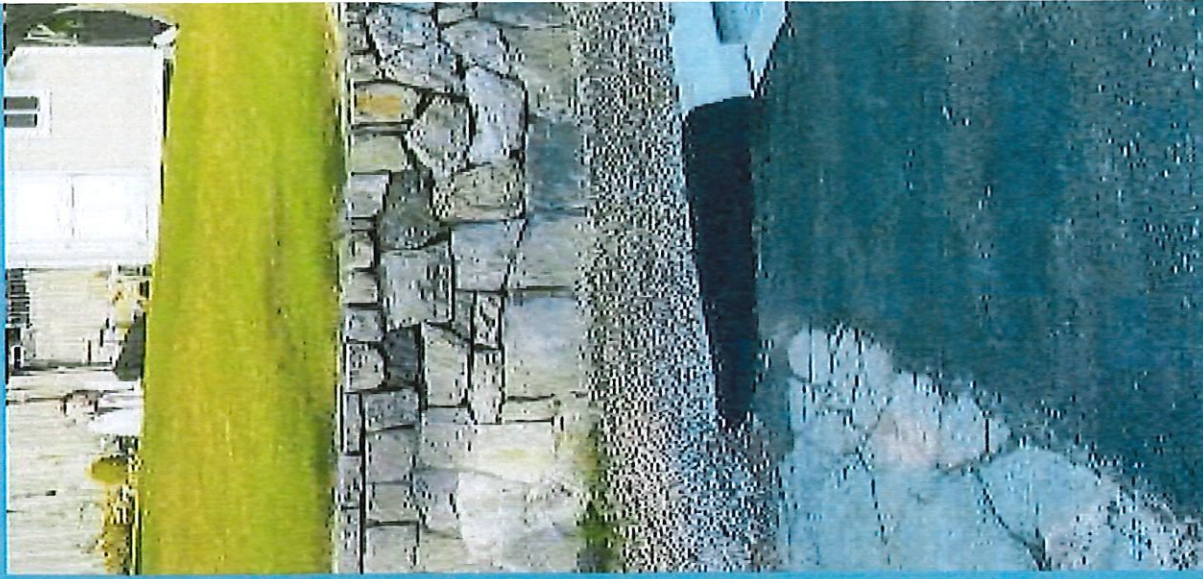


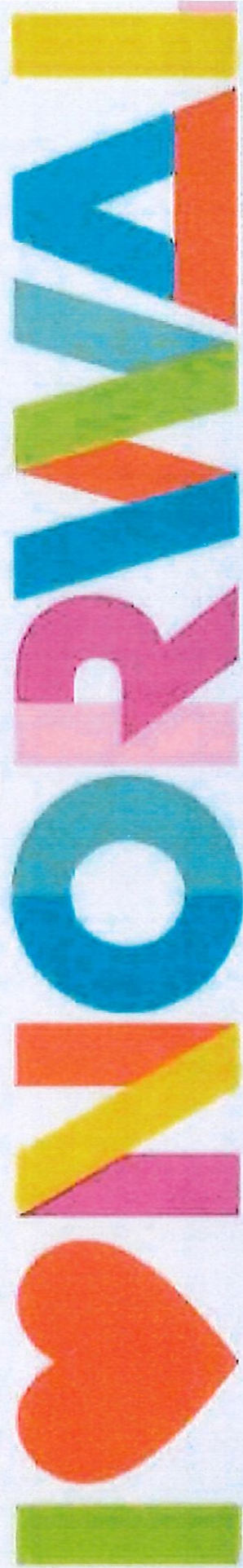
OPERATIONS 2024

# Catch Basins Cleaned	1,739
# of Catch Basins Repaired or Replaced	86
# of Road Repairs	1,076
Miles of Streets Sweeping	10,127 mi
Miles of Sight Lines Cleared	161 mi
# of Cul-de-sacs Mowed	254
# of Trees Pruned	341
# of Trees Removed	251



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