

In 2022, IVSD worked through several issues and planned for the future. With the district's agreement with the City of Oshkosh coming due in 2023, commissioners met with other sanitary districts feeding into the City's Wastewater Utility to address the City's proposed Master Agreement. The districts discussed some of the changes the City wants to make that will affect all outlying districts.

Working with attorney John St. Peter of Dempsey Law Firm, the group retained Trilogy Consulting out of Oconomowoc to assist in understanding the City's 2021 Draft Sanitary User Rate Study. Our commissioners and a few lift station employees met with the City and its consultant Ehlers to examine the data the City had compiled and Trilogy's analysis. By the end of the year our group had met with the City twice, with more meetings to come in 2023.

The IVSD pledged to pay 10 percent of Trilogy's and Dempsey's work on the Master Agreement. John Claypool, of Herrling Clark Law Firm in Appleton, will work with the IVSD as the Master Agreement items get more specific to our situation. Claypool represented us when the original agreement with the City was signed in 1996.

Here are some of the other items from 2022.

1. Wolter Power Systems repaired the generator at Lift Station 1 at the end of January. Total expense was \$965.
2. We made significant revisions to our Ordinance to bring it up to speed. The revised ordinance will appear on our news page in the near future.

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3. Four excavations took place in the district: 4605, 4740 and 5010 Island View Drive and 5270 Channel View.
4. The district hired Terry Michels in June as a lift station operator.
5. Head lift station operator Jim Latta purchased several tools and parts throughout the year to help keep our equipment running smoothly. With some of our infrastructure getting older, parts are becoming harder to find so Jim has been proactive in obtaining items for future repairs. These expenses exceeded \$10,000. Supply chain issues also played a large role during the year.
6. IVSD made Hepatitis B shots mandatory for lift station operators unless the employee signed a declination waiver.
7. Latta revised the bi-weekly checklist for lift station operators.
8. A form was designed for new owners giving them information about the district. The form is available on our news page.
9. Ad hoc Commissioner Mel Krawiec designed a new information sheet for renters, giving them suggestions and reminders about handling wastewater in our district. It, too, is available on our news page.
10. A new sump pump was purchased for Lift Station 1's metering pit for \$165.
11. Latta replaced a check valve in Pump 1 at Lift Station 3 which allowed the station to operate more smoothly.
12. Thanks to some perfect October weather, MV Klinger sandblasted and painted all three lift stations at a cost of \$9,836.
13. The wet wells in all three stations were cleaned by Winnebago Septic for \$2,065 in November. Lift station operators also cleaned the floats once more before winter.
14. Commissioners worked on an addition to the Ordinance relating to the draining of swimming pools in the district.
15. IVSD put televising part of the district's six miles of pipe on the back burner, but allocated \$15,000 to hire a firm to find leaks in the mains and laterals when the time is right.

All in all, 2022 was a good year, both weather-wise and health-wise. We're keeping our fingers crossed and our equipment in good order. Feel free to contact us at any time with pertinent topics or issues. And, once in a while, give a thumbs up to our great crew of lift station operators!