

# **City of Brooklyn**

## **2019 Service Director's Report**



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**General Foreman**

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**Road Foreman**

January 27, 2019

Dear Mayor Gallagher:

Enclosed is the 2019 annual report from the Director of Public Service. The City of Brooklyn did major reconstruction on Ansonia, West Biddulph, Clinton Road and Summer Lane. The total contract amount of the construction was \$ 1,053,681.05. TC Construction was awarded the contract and did a great job sticking to the schedule and completing the construction on time. Major construction was also completed on American Road in the amount of \$ 1,467,308.30. Over \$ 2,520,989 was spent on road construction in 2019.

The Service Department received funding from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works which included did some preventative maintenance by crack sealing Biddulph and Clinton Road. The workers at the Service Garage completed 1,650 job assignments that included emergency road repairs, tree maintenance, street sweeping, grass cutting, sewer and building maintenance, sidewalk repairs and the repair of damage to property complaints.

The Service Department purchased a printer so that it could make banners, yard signs and traffic signs. In its first year, the Department made over 325 signs. Another program the Service Department initiated was delivering compost to its residents. We dropped off 136 loads of compost to the residents which resulted in over 350 yards of mulch being delivered.

The City of Brooklyn also instituted a new recycle program in 2016 called "Simple Recycling" which enabled residents to recycle clothing and textiles on their collection day. In its fifth year of the program the city recycled 7.30 tons of material which amounts to 36.46 tons of material that was kept out of the landfill.

More detailed information relating to the projects and operations that were undertaken this past year are presented in the following pages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Verba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John Verba  
Director of Public Service  
City of Brooklyn

## **2019 CITY OF BROOKLYN MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE FIGURES**

**3,516.38 tons**

## **2019 CITY OF BROOKLYN CURBSIDE RECYCLE TOTALS**

**754.42 tons**

The City of Brooklyn saw the amount of trash increase 263.21 tons in 2019. The city's recycle numbers increased by 31.47 tons.

## **2019 CITY OF BROOKLYN COMPOST TOTALS**

<b>MATERIALS COLLECTED</b>	<b>TONS</b>
<b>GRASS CLIPPINGS</b>	<b>1,455.00</b>
<b>BRUSH (CHIPPED AND WHOLE)</b>	<b>257.29</b>
<b>LEAVES</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>HOLIDAY TREES</b>	<b>7.45</b>
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS COLLECTED</b>	<b>1,789.74</b>

The curbside compost program helped save the City over \$ 75,688.10 in landfill tipping fees.

# 2019 CITY OF BROOKLYN CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT PROGRAM TOTALS

<b>CCSWD SPONSORED EVENTS</b>	<b>TONS</b>
COMPUTER ROUND UP	1.40
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	1.06
TIRE ROUND UP	4.61
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS COLLECTED</b>	<b>7.07</b>

## 2019 SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORK ORDERS

The Service Department responded to over 1,600 complaints. The tasks include, tree maintenance, street sweeping, road repairs, damage to property, tree lawn repairs, sewer and building maintenance.

The City was awarded an Urban Tree Canopy Grant from Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$ 51,535.00. We were fortunate enough to be able to plant 133 trees in the fall and are going to plant another 120 in the spring. The tree crew also took down 85 trees, ground 80 stumps and trimmed over 130 trees.

Our street sweeper was out over 200 times in 2019 keeping the streets clean.

In 2019 the Service Department purchased a printer so that it could make signs and banners for the city. The first year of existence they made over 325 signs which included decals, banners, yard signs, street signs and traffic signs.

The Service Department implemented a new program in which it had its yard waste shredded and had the final product, compost which turned into mulch, delivered to the residents that arranged for a drop off. We dropped off 136 loads of compost to the residents which resulted in over 350 yards of mulch being delivered.

In July of 2017, the Service Department started enforcing the penalties that involved trash and recycling violations according to Ordinance 951.98. Enforcement of the ordinance in 2019 resulted in the issuance of 82 warnings and no fines.

# 2019 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Service Department started to keep track of the expenditures on each city vehicle. This will help us assess the value of the vehicle and determine its longevity. By keeping track of the cost associated with each vehicle we can determine that it may be more cost effective to purchase a new vehicle. Individual costs for each vehicle is available upon request.

DEPARTMENT	LABOR	PARTS	GRAND TOTAL
FIRE	\$10,262.69	\$ 23,197.65	\$ 33,460.34
POLICE	\$ 4,180.74	\$ 10,406.05	\$ 14,586.79
RECREATION	\$ 2,776.75	\$ 3,906.16	\$ 6,682.91
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 759.65	\$ 850.17	\$ 1,609.82
SERVICE	\$27,685.36	\$94,481.19	\$ 122,166.55
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,665.19</b>	<b>\$132,841.22</b>	<b>\$178,506.41</b>

## GRAND TOTALS FOR 2016, 2017 and 2018

DEPARTMENT	2017	2018	2019
FIRE	\$ 49,000.34	\$ 25,900.91	\$ 33,460.34
POLICE	\$ 19,090.48	\$ 7,085.10	\$ 14,586.79
RECREATION	\$ 6,959.20	\$ 2,922.75	\$ 6,682.91
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 589.17	\$ 2,135.15	\$ 1,609.82
SERVICE	\$ 129,071.50	\$ 106,116.27	\$ 122,166.55
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 201,710.69</b>	<b>144,160.18</b>	<b>\$178,506.41</b>

## Service Department Fleet Maintenance Breakdown

<b>Automated Trucks</b>	<b>\$ 24,233.17</b>
<b>Salt Trucks</b>	<b>\$ 34,978.35</b>
<b>F-350's</b>	<b>\$ 3,446.72</b>
<b>Garbage Trucks</b>	<b>\$ 14,116.16</b>
<b>Bob Cats</b>	<b>\$ 2,464.84</b>
<b>Bombardiers</b>	<b>\$ 2,186.56</b>

The Service Department purchased a tire balancer and tire changer in 2016 for \$ 8,596.39 which allows the mechanics to balance and mount our tires instead of having to outsource the work. We saved \$ 1,355.28 in 2019 bringing our 4 year savings to \$ 4,668.26.

## **2019 WINTER REPORT**

The winter of 2019 was mild. To keep our streets safe we used approximately 1,225 tons of salt. The City of Brooklyn was under contract to purchase 2,251.19 tons of salt which cost the city \$ 132,167.31. We also did the Senior Citizens drive ways once during the winter season.

## **2019 ROAD REPAIR**

In 2019 the City of Brooklyn did major street improvements on Ansonia, West Biddulph, Clinton Road and Summer Lane, south of I 480. TC Construction was awarded the contract in the amount of \$ 1,053,681.05. The American Road Extension Project, Phase I was also completed in 2019. Fabrizi Construction was awarded the contract in the amount of \$ 1,467,308.30.

The City of Brooklyn's in house street repair crew poured over 263 yards of concrete on various repairs throughout the city. Their repair jobs included 11 sewers, new concrete in front of the Recreation Center and bike ramps, new concrete at the Service Garage for the new salt ramp, replaced 128 blocks of sidewalks on Morton, Forest Edge, Beech, Deborah Lynn, Harmony Lane, Micka, Ira and Glencoe. The crew responded to over 150 calls on pot holes in which they used over 93.46 tons of hot mix and 15 tons of cold patch.

The City was awarded a preventative maintenance grant from Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$ 32,904.90. The grant was used to crack seal Biddulph, Clinton and also perform curb and base repairs on Clinton Road as well.

The Cement Crew also had 15 water openings to repair. The City of Brooklyn was reimbursed \$ 20,424.69 from the City of Cleveland Water Department.

# 2019 PURCHASES

- Sign Machine
- 1 F250 Truck
- 1 Aerial Bucket Truck
- 1 Loader

# 2019 AUCTION

**We held an auction on October 12 at the Service Garage to get rid of excess equipment and vehicles that were no longer needed.**

## **The following vehicles were sold at auction**

• 2000 Ford F 250	\$ 1,500.00
• 2006 Ford Passenger Van	\$ 2,000.00
• 2005 Bobcat Tool Cart	\$10,100.00
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• 1981 Bombardier	\$ 3,200.00
• 1999 Lowboy Dump	\$ 5,000.00
• Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>\$ 3,135.50</u>
	\$35,035.50

The following vehicles were sold at the Greater Cleveland Auction:

• 1997 GMC Sierra	\$ 700.00
• 2007 GMC Sierra	<u>\$ 5,800.00</u>
	\$ 6,500.00