



Town of Amherst

AMHERST IMPROVES BURROUGHS DRIVE, ADDRESSES FLOODING CONCERNS

The Town of Amherst Highway Department has completed road work on Burroughs Drive in Snyder to improve significant drainage issues. This extensive project was completed in phases, following the replacement of watermain. Drainage, curbing and resurfacing was done to address flooding that had plagued the busy roadway and surrounding area for years.

"Burroughs Drive was a big project to fix an issue that had impacted many homeowners and motorists for years. I want to thank the homeowners on Burroughs Drive for their patience throughout the process so that we could properly address the issues that impacted property owners and the town for years," said Highway Superintendent Steve Floss. "Last week when we received lake effect rain the system worked as intended, no flooding or pooling water. This project was possible thanks to the Town Board's commitment to maintaining our infrastructure."

"The Amherst Highway Department did a great job identifying the problems and improving the Burroughs Drive area. By eliminating the flooding issues, we won't have to go through another winter worried about ice forming and causing a dangerous situation for motorists," said Deputy Supervisor Shawn Lavin.

Burroughs Drive runs from the top of the escarpment on Main Street to Harlem Road. Highway Superintendent Floss explains that the bottom of Burroughs Drive is basically shaped like a bowl, and rain/water was pooling in one area. Because the area was plagued



by large volumes of water, it experienced a high number of watermain breaks. The first step was working with Erie County Water Authority to replace the waterlines, which started in the summer of 2022. The infrastructure investment project included upgrading 16,200 linear feet of watermain Maynard Avenue, Stevenson Boulevard, Bailey Avenue, Springville Avenue and Burroughs Drive from 6-inch to 8-inch watermain. This improved service delivery, fire protection, and provide more dependability for customers.

Following the completion of the watermain replacement, Amherst Highway began work to redirect the water off the roadways and properties through drainage and curbing improvements. After the necessary infrastructure was in place to address flooding, the roadway was resurfaced as it had deteriorated rapidly due to prolonged flooding issues.



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