

VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ

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Department of Public Works

JIM CEGELSKI'S RETIREMENT

Jim recently announced to Village staff that he will be retiring on December 25th with his last day in the office being the 22nd. Jim began his career at the Village as a general employee in the Public Works Department in July of 1995. He later became a special equipment operator, heavy equipment operator and finally the street foreman in April 2nd of 2011, in total publicly serving the Village for almost 26 years. Jim was compassionate and committed to serving the public works needs of Village residents.

Jim's commitment to the Village didn't waiver, often waking up in the middle of the night and/or sacrificing time on weekends to evaluate the safety of Village roadways, respond to a sewer backup, a flooding event, and/or traffic emergencies. In light of COVID, Jim and his staff maintained and successfully provided Street Department services and functions. He was also instrumental in the move from baling to leaf vacuum trucks, developing the hot mix asphalt patching program, saw cutting of sidewalk joints, reduction of salt in the winter, and purchase of key equipment. He always maintained a good rapport and worked well with staff in other departments and those in similar positions in neighboring communities.

Jim's commitment as a public servant and his institutional knowledge will be missed. In the interim, John Schumacher, will be filling in as the Village's street foreman until the position is filled.