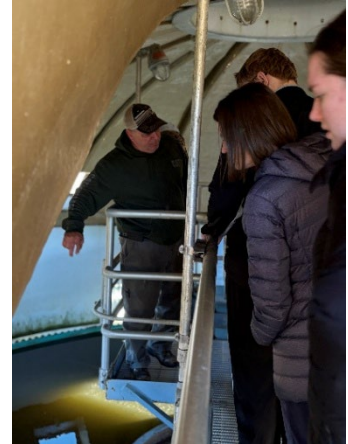


# City of Wabasha 2025 Accomplishments

January 6, 2025

6 PM

City Council Meeting





# 2025 Public Works/Utilities Major Projects

- Major street project for most deteriorated streets (Skyline Drive, Buena Vista, 4<sup>th</sup> street west (maiden), 3<sup>rd</sup> street west (Shields and Cratte Ave Washington Ave (Market Street and Hiawatha Drive), 11<sup>th</sup> Street East (Broadway and Pierce)
- Completed new patching and surfacing project at 7th Street West, Shields Ave, Campbell Ave, 3rd Street West, City Hall parking lot
- Fixed fencing at Heritage Park
- Demolition of old athletic field facilities
- Added EV Charger and Downtown Wayfinding Signage
- Touch a Truck Event, City-Wide Clean Up, High School Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours
- Jetting
- Wastewater Treatment Plant is in compliance, new requirements
- Snow and ice event response
- Planted 30 trees



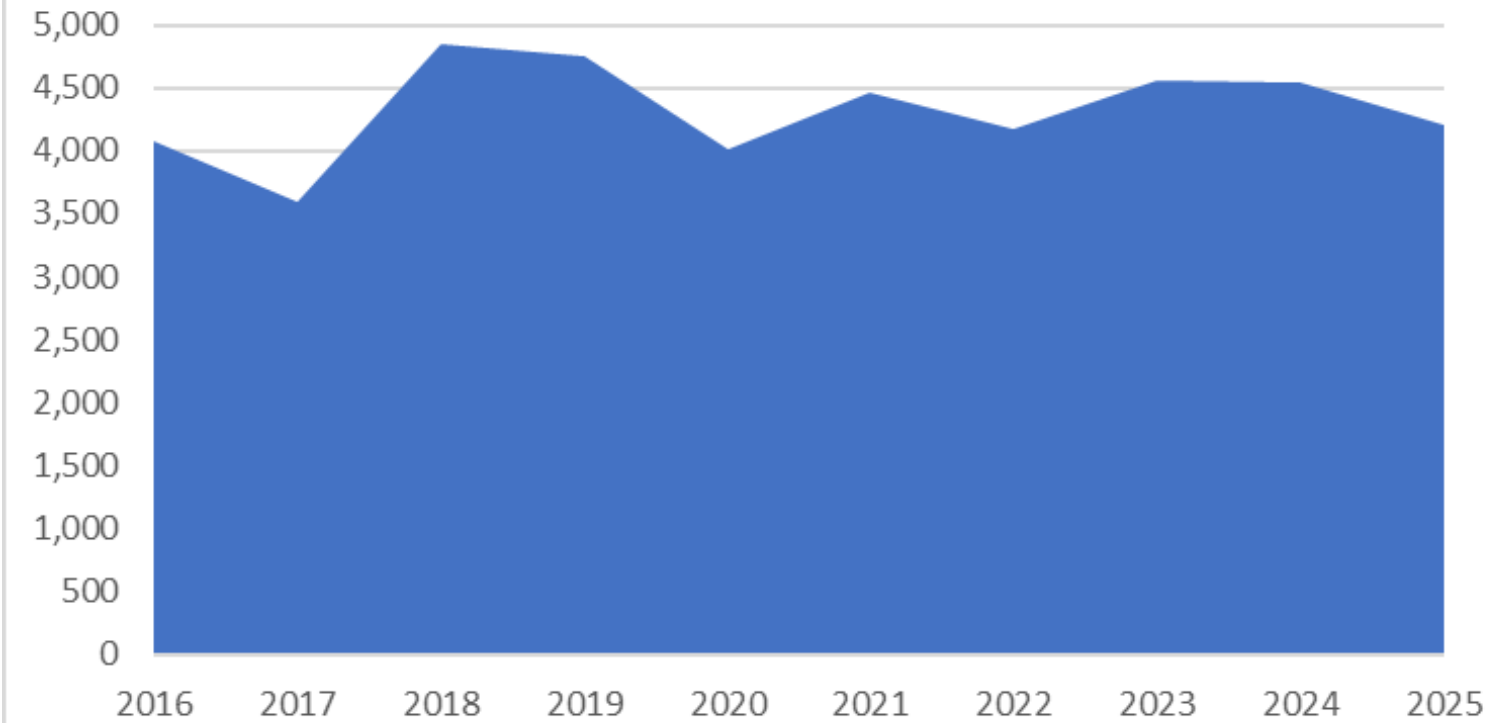


# 2025 Emergency Management

- Added new bike path lighting and fixed path
- Relocated new Skate Park
- Added rip rap to prevent future erosion along river
- Moved Malone playground out of flood zone and moved to Eagles Basin
- Riley Costello won Emergency Manager of the Year (Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM))
- Received \$297,956 for flooding mitigation projects



# Police Calls for Service



- 4206 calls for service, 88 misdemeanors, 23 gross misdemeanors, and 68 felonies charged this year.
- 16 search warrants performed this year- theft, drugs, child pornography, financial exploitation of a vulnerable adults, solicitation of a minor, DWO.





# 2025 Police Case Spotlights



- Secured conviction for a Wabasha man who possessed child sexual abuse materials.
- A straightforward workplace theft investigation escalated into a major criminal case, including multiple controlled substances, stolen firearms, and receiving stolen property.
- Community tips, overnight surveillance, led to multiple felony drug charges.

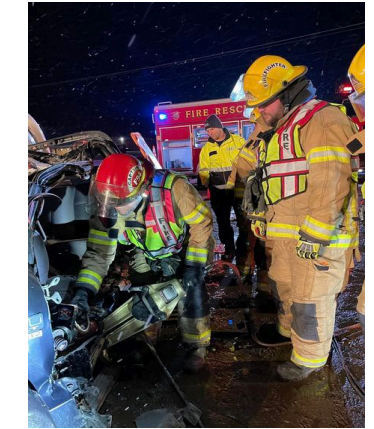
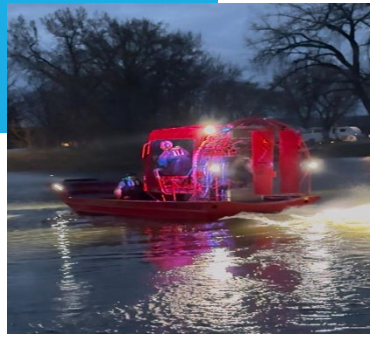
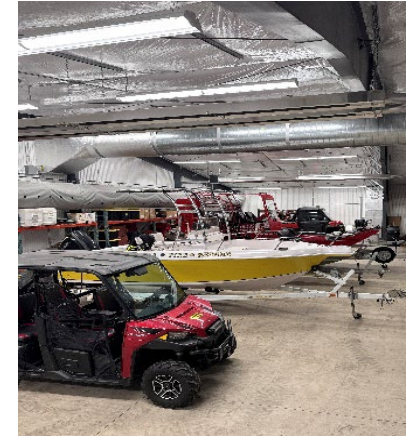
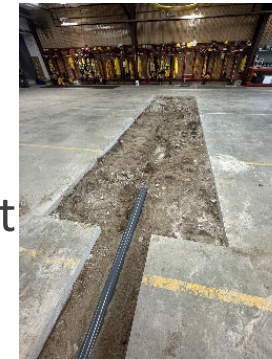
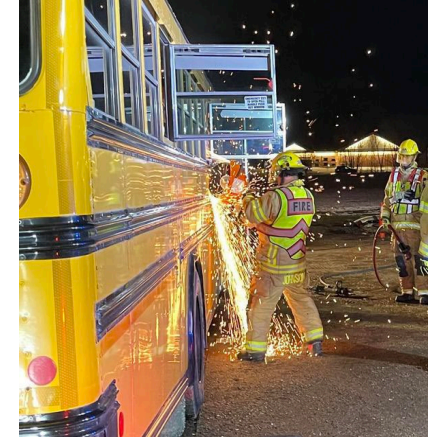
***Proactive Policing***  
***Community cooperation***  
***Investigative work***



# 2025 Fire Department

- Wabasha Fire had 178 runs (fires, lift assists, power lines, motor vehicle crashes, water rescues). (+58 calls since last year)
- Used the air boat 8 times to provide water rescue support
- 31 volunteers completed 1781 hours of training.
- Completed Fire hall addition, installed new concrete apron, upgraded old ventilation system, replaced floor drain
- Fundraising provided support for new concrete apron project
- Fundraising: Riverboat Days Chicken Feed, raffle tickets for cash prizes, calendar donations, Grumpy Old Men.

↑  
**48%**





# 2025 Ambulance

- Responded to 1,016 calls for service. + 97 calls
- Finished with 602 - 911 Calls an **increase of 10% over 2024**
- We took 170 Transfers- an **Increase of 43% over 2024**
- We had 121 Back up Calls (2 calls at the same time) an **increase of 78% over 2024**
- Billing Revenue is up **20% since last year**
- Exceeded budgeted revenue targets, piloted paramedics in ER with St. Elizabeth's
- 15 CPR Classes delivered- 107 people
- Delivered EMT course with 4 participants. (One has already passed their test and is working as an EMT for us)
- Second full-year of ALS. 186 pre-hospital ALS medications, 54 ALS infusions on transfers.
- 22 Paid-On Call, 8 full/part-time staff cover 17,520 hours
- Our dedicated Crew did 720.75 of training hours
- All townships contributed to the ambulance service



**11%**  
**calls**



**20%**  
**revenues**





# 2025 Library

- Highlights of the year include: many children and adult programs, started the final mural in the Main Library - "Feathered Horizons"
- 29,138 visits to the library in 2025
- 1,035 public computer sessions
- 3,535 wireless sessions
- 41,561 physical media circulation and 4,991 ebooks/eaudio
- 172 programs with attendance of 4,991 for both adults, youth, and children
- \$12,500 in grants toward programs

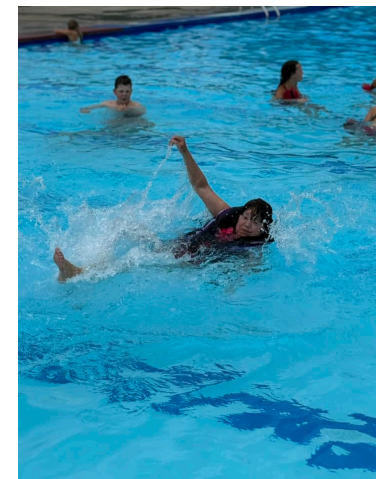




*“Our instructor was exceptional with helping our daughter get over her fear of water!”*

*“No place I would rather spend my Wednesday evenings!” (water aerobics)*

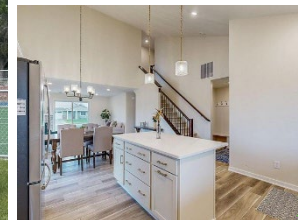
- 2,030 paid visitors, 247 students using the free pass program
- Delivered over 273 swim lessons
- Water aerobics- more sessions offered, very popular
- Recalked pool, repaired leaks, implemented Department of Health Inspection recommendations





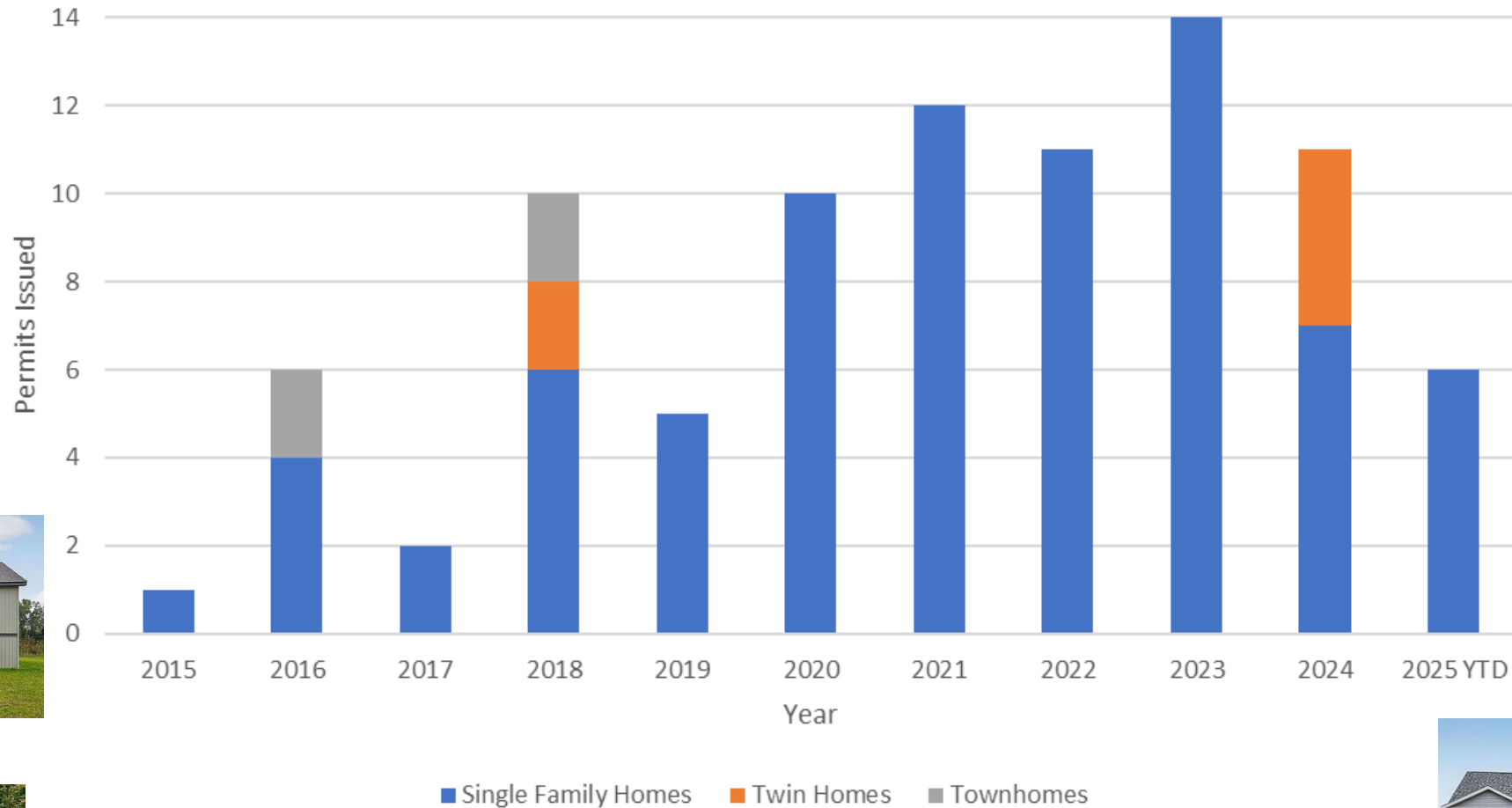
# 2025 City and Port Authority Highlights

- Revised Nuisance Code and began work on short term rental regulations
- Engaged with the community- two open houses, one online survey, 9 press releases, and highlighted outstanding employees
- Façade Improvement Grant Program distributed over \$18,000 in grants to five businesses for improvements to the exterior of their buildings.
- Successfully managed \$888,304 in federal and state grants. Secured new \$750,000 toward new barge terminal road.
- WATCH launched Livability website and ran photo contest-  
<https://www.wabasha.org/livability/>
- Port Authority generated \$307,423 in net income through Section 217d Army Corps Partnership.
- Collected \$392,000 in permits, lodging tax, leases, fees.
- Received \$75,000 contribution from WNB Financial for Athletic Field.
- Provided funding to Chamber, Wabasha Main Street, Falcon Youth Baseball, and for bus transit
- Engineering work began for Highway 60 Project
- Made underutilized city land available for sale





# 2025 Building Permits Issued



- 125 flat fee permits (due to storm damages, re-roofs)
- 29 valuation permits with total valuation of \$14,337,000 (W-K renovation)
- \$1,094,000 (California Overland Truck Wash)
- 6 new single-family homes permitted, 6 new single-family homes for sale!



# What a year! Thank you Wabasha City Council and Wabasha City Staff.



*Thank you to all the City staff on a great year and for your efforts to put together the budget. Thank you to our Wabasha City Council for their support and thoughtful input.*