



Sabel Mechanical employees pull a pump, find a large piece of PVC in it and encounter a mass of wipes, hair, and other items that have raised havoc with the check valve.

Repairs, some caused by user negligence, cost IVSD big bucks

Major repairs, some due to customer negligence, have led to a large outlay of money in the past few months for the Island View Sanitary District.

During the first week of June 2021, the IVSD hired Sabel Mechanical from Fond du Lac to replace the suction pipes in Lift Stations #2 and #3. The project cost approximately \$11,725 plus \$739 for check valve expenses and \$320 for our labor.

This project came on the heels of the replacement of the suction pipes, discharge pipe and check valve at Lift Station #1 in October of 2020. The cost of that project, undertaken by Sabel Mechanical, was approximately \$30,000 plus our labor. The pipes which were replaced were circa mid-1990s, and the check valve had to be replaced because of improper materials being flushed down the sewer.

Sacrificial anodes, which help protect the integrity of the metal at the lift stations, were also replaced in the fall of 2020 at Lift Station #1 and in late May of 2021 at Lift Stations #2 and #3. MM Services of Plymouth installed the anodes which were purchased from WBI Energy Corrosion Services. Total anode project costs were approximately \$11,850 plus our labor.

Another plea goes out to all IVSD customers. Flush only those materials that should be flushed: the three Ps (pee, poop and toilet paper). Quarterly charges will continue to increase for a variety of reasons, but you can help keep the costs down by doing your part.