

Village of Jansen

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The Village of Jansen Nebraska has been working with Brandon Vandermeij for a few years. The past two years we have been working on a plan to rehab our 50,000 gallon conical style water tower. Our water tower is over 100 years old and we were desperate to keep it. Brandon helped us every step of the way from inspecting to helping us decide what we had to do and what could wait. Then finally, how to incorporate what we wanted into a price we could afford. He has always been available to answer any questions he could over the phone and wasn't too busy to come onsite when he couldn't help us over the phone.

There were many things our tower needed. Our roof was in such poor repair we had to completely replace it with a new roof. It needed many safety upgrades including installing a larger manway at the bottom of the riser pipe and a guard rail inside the tank at the top of the riser pipe. They also removed all the interior spider rods and installed a brand-new ladder with locking ladder gate, new vent, and new down spout among other things. It desperately needed painted and coated inside and out. We wanted to change the logo as well.

I do not know how we ever would have been able to navigate through this entire process without Viking's wonderful crew of people helping us. From beginning to end they were professional and courteous. We did not have this kind of experience with our former tower maintenance company, in fact it was completely opposite.

First the welder, Bobby, was onsite and built the roof on the ground. Then a huge crane came in and lifted the old roof off and lowered it down to the ground, hooked onto the new roof lifted it up and the welding crew attached it. I was so nervous watching all of this take place but every single detail was attended too and we had zero problems. Then the paint crew showed up. Donny and his men were outstanding as well. The paint job is phenomenal. I can not say enough nice things about these guys, they even saved some baby birds that were in nests on the tower legs.

The most amazing part for me was when the work was complete and the water samples were sent to the lab, they all came back clean and we got our tower back in service quickly. This also was not the case when the last company did our clean out. We also had a deadline the work needed to be completed by and true to their word Viking had the work started and finished on time even though the weather did not cooperate.

After working with Viking for so long, we were so impressed with their wonderful employees, the way they treat their customers, and how they handled our challenging project, we entered into a Water Tank Maintenance Contract. I look forward to many more years working with Viking Industrial Painting.

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