

October 2019 Public Works Report

Roads/Equipment

- The Big Arn's/Brians Road project remains at 95% completion due to the weather. The grader was needed on other Town Roads before the first freeze. Next spring, we plan to finish the remaining work including widening the existing lanes, cleaning up driveway entrances, and finishing the turnaround at the western end of Brian's Road. Overall, the project turned out well and the drainage next year should be better than ever.
- The main plow trucks/sanders are mounted and ready. There will be some challenges ahead due to lack of heated storage, but the crew will do all that they can to keep the roads clear and safe when the real snow removal begins.
- Wren Works LLC is busy on the dock project, please give them the right-of-way when it comes to their vehicles and equipment. The crew will keep the dock sanded and clear as much as we can, please drive with caution.
- 5 Town Road culverts were replaced the week of 10/13 – 3 on South Shore Road, the Mondamin/South Shore intersection, and Penny Lane. I hope to have them paved next year. Thank you to Bruce from Ashland County for his expertise on Penny Lane.

Parks

- Joni's Beach and a large portion of Main Street were underwater due to substantial winds on 10/21. I attended a 1 ½ day WI Coastal Beaches Workgroup the following week and heard similar stories and experiences from people in the region. Plans and ideas will be developed over the winter months to effectively adapt to these changing conditions, and I will take into consideration what others are doing in the region, especially with limited financial means. I have included shoreline stabilization for a portion of Joni's Beach in the 2020 budget.
- BBTP and downtown parks/bathroom facilities were winterized for the season on 10/22-10/23.

Misc./Admin

- The fuel tank storage area at the Town Shop was repainted, re-placarded, a new gravel base was packed, and new fencing and bollards installed. This has been on the list for years and was finally accomplished.
- The crew working on the Old County Garage has done a tremendous job and it will be extremely beneficial having additional heated storage this winter. Thanks to all who were involved in the project.
- Happy Retirement to Steve Wakem on 10/31. Good luck on your fishing adventures. John Maday has taken over Steve's position and is a welcome addition to the team.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Public Works Director