

## February 2021 Public Works Report

### Roads/Equipment

- There were a few mornings requiring the full plowing crew, but a real blizzard never occurred all month long.
- The 2020 Westernstar (220) and 2005 Sterling (102) had a thorough servicing including fluids, filters, minor repairs, grease, hoses/fittings as needed, etc., and both have served the roads well as primary plow trucks all season.
- The JD444 Loader with quick attach plow has been a very efficient tool for pushing back snow in intersections, clearing ditches, and making quick work of a few inches of snowfall in parking lots. Nice job Evan.
- Wisconsin Steam Cleaner delivered our new Landa diesel powered pressure washer directly to the Roads Dept. shop and we all had a thorough training with an experienced rep who deals exclusively with city crews and municipalities. This incredible machine replaces and drastically upgrades the propane fired modified tar heater which was used to steam frozen culverts on the island for decades.
- As expected during the long and very cold weekend mid-month, we experienced multiple issues such as frozen fuel filters, cold batteries, and brittle connections leading to other problems on trucks and equipment. Everything took turns thawing out and we are all looking forward to warm space once again for the Roads equipment.
- MIFL ceased operations on 2/5 and Windsleds Inc. began operations 2/6. Evan Sr. and I put up the line of trees on 2/9. On 2/11 the Town crew along with Arnie and Windsleds Inc. crew spent the morning flooding the Bayfield side and some areas of a crack in the middle of the channel. The Ice Road officially opened to traffic on 2/17 and lasted 1 ¾ days until the pressure crack heaved on the Bayfield side, making vehicle passage extremely unsafe. The 2<sup>nd</sup> best thing (if you have use of a vehicle on both sides), known as the 'crack lot' is still happening as I write this.

### Parks

- Postings for all the seasonal Parks positions will be available by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Some large annual events have been canceled again. I have every intention of following Governor orders and County Health Department mandates, and a busy summer season is expected once again despite lingering Covid-19. For now we are planning to keep signage posted and continue precautionary measures for everyone's safety.

### MRF

- The Roads and MRF crew had a very productive planning meeting this month where all aspects of current MRF operations were examined and thoroughly analyzed. There are many ideas to implement as La Pointe moves closer to another busy summer. Research on a newer used roll-off truck continues.

### Misc./Admin.

- Roads and MRF crew will be taking an online class to obtain OSHA 10 certification cards next month.

Respectfully submitted,  
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