

November 2021 Public Works Report

Roads

- The first plowable snow fell on 11/14, with the main paved roads getting scraped off. The 2nd worthy snowfall was on 11/27, with paved roads and parking lots getting plowed off. These first light duty plow days are a good start to the season to feel how the equipment is responding while getting worked once again.
- Over the course of the month, three culverts were replaced on Town gravel roads. One on North Shore, one on Snow Place Lane, and one on Sunny Slope Road. Thanks to Evan Sr. and Joe Abhold for their assistance on these replacements.
- The turnaround at the end of Sunny Slope Road was re-sculpted with some gravel added and minor ditching done. We hope to complete extensive ditching in the area next year.

Parks

- The crew and I picked out a nice spruce and set it up at the downtown gazebo fountain for the season's holiday decorating. Thanks to Evan and Evan for donating the use of their Genie lift for assistance, as the tree turned out to be taller than previous years.
- MI Trails and the MI Wilderness Preserve have taken on some large tasks on the Capser Trail. This includes widening the existing trail for multi-use, removing hazardous trees, and finding proactive solutions for the beavers located near the bridge. Thanks to all involved in these endeavors.

Misc.

- The Town crew prepped the area behind the library near the school garden for construction of the library's outdoor classroom, which is scheduled to be used for the Summer Rec program and other activities by June of 2022.
- Joe Abhold has continued to do a great job at the airport moving the stump piles located on the north side of runway 22. This has been an ongoing project since the original clearing took place. Like the drought period earlier this season, the agreeable fall weather has allowed us to access ground areas that were otherwise too wet for equipment.
- The lack of serious snow has allowed the crew and I to take care of additional maintenance needs, continue extra clean-up work and organizing around the shop, tie up some loose ends, and help at MRF when needed.

Happy Holidays,
Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director