

## April 2022 Public Works Report

### Roads/Equipment

- With the use of donated personal snowmobiles, Town crew cut down the ice road trees on 4/5. It was a good driving season out on the ice.
- The snowplows remained on the primary plow trucks, and the crew and I had to plow slush and ice on 4/7-4/8.
- On 4/10 the Coast Guard cutter Hollyhock came through the channel and was a welcome sight to many. The Town crew cleaned up the dock as best we could with frozen conditions and MIFL resumed operations on 4/11.
- The seasonal weight limits on the paved roads meant more shop time, summer season planning, and equipment maintenance.
- The MRF roll-off trucks, "Beast" and "Woodstock" had their annual DOT inspections and Woodstock had suspension blocks replaced prior to what is expected to be a very busy hauling season.
- Kron-Dahlin Road suffered two major washouts with the snowmelt and rain days, but Pete and Evan patched it up the best they could with weather conditions.
- There are many culvert replacements planned for the year, with the first one taking place on Chippewa Trail May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Parks

- The Rec Center remodel is back on track with the boats running and I hope we will be able schedule an inspection in early May.
- The Town's porta-potties were opened 4/29, Joni's snow fence was taken down, benches put out, we've begun the task of straightening signs and fixing other scars of the plow season, and spring is slowly happening.
- We have hired what I believe will be a great Parks crew for the season, and I'm looking forward to working with all of them.

### Misc./Admin

- I was very glad that the Town Board has blessed Michael and I to begin contract negotiations with SEH Engineering of Chippewa Falls, to assist with BIL Funding as we move forward with applications regarding future pulverizing and repaving of Hagen Road, Mondamin Trail, and South Shore Road. The federal funding is a huge opportunity for some major work to get done and working with a local firm that has relevant experience in Bayfield and Ashland County makes laying the groundwork even better.

Respectfully submitted,  
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