

## August 2023 Public Works Report

### Roads

- August was a very busy month as expected, but overall, the island's roads fared well. Schoolhouse Road had some shoulder repairs done after some minor washouts along the western stretch, which was ditched last fall, and flooded this past April.
- One of the worst holes within the failing pavement of Mondamin Trail was patched with cold mix. I spent half a day with the estimator from Northwoods Paving going over the options for long term repairs, and other areas to be paved or repaired, but any option is extremely expensive. The crew plans to patch other failed spots on Mondamin this fall.
- On 8/10 the crew attended a wheel loader training seminar sponsored by McCoy in the City of Montreal, WI., for some helpful information on loader operation and use of special features. The Town's JD444K wheel loader is equipped with JDLink, which is a program that syncs to the cloud and can track every movement the loader makes, along with monitoring engine analytics.
- On 8/22 Evan spread an additional four tons of magnesium chloride on Schoolhouse Road, Benjamin Blvd., and the busiest stretches of North Shore Road.
- Snowplace Lane had new 20 m.p.h. signs and 'no parking' signage installed per a newly adopted ordinance.

### Airport

- Major Gilbert Field isn't usually noted in this report, but it should be noted that the crew made some unprecedented steps in clearing and brushing this month, both on the runway and the AWOS weather station perimeter, due to favorable conditions. The BOA inspector was here the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> and performed a drone survey, so we will wait to hear the results of that before continuing. In the meantime, the clean-up of downed trees and brush removal will carry on as time allows.

### Parks

- BBTP and the downtown Park system will quiet down as we get into September, but it has been a good summer season and the crew did a fantastic job.
- The new playground area at BBTP began construction the last week of August, and the slide, paid for by last year's donations, was installed. It was an instant success, and the crew will install a small two-person swing set and one other small item tbd in early Sept.

### Misc.

- Thanks once again to Evan Jr. for administering another very successful Town equipment auction.
- Thanks to Marty and all the committee members, service members, and volunteers who made the EMS Ball on 8/26 a huge success.

Respectfully submitted,  
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