

September 2023 Public Works Report

Roads

- The Town received just under \$8,000 from WISDOT for Disaster Aid, which we applied for after the culvert washouts on Schoolhouse Road and North Shore Road, during the snowmelt event of this past April.
- The Washburn County paint crew striped County H, Main Street, and the center of South Shore Road on 9/13. The painting of Town roads was a planned to piggyback on Ashland County's schedule.
- The Town crew patched two additional failing sections of Mondamin Trail with cold mix on 9/20-9/21. This practice will likely be ongoing until we can secure the funding to rebuild and repave the road.
- On 9/22, the Grant's Point public lake access received a pit run base and gravel lift. I hope by next summer it will be better for beachgoers who don't want to park in the puddles. It will be much easier for snow removal equipment to keep the access open this upcoming winter.
- Pete was able to grade nearly every gravel road the week of the 25th following 2½ days of steady rainfall.
- It has taken five years, but I believe over 90% of the Town road signs (speed limit, directional, regulatory) now meet reflectivity standards. There are a few more left to replace this fall. I hope Ashland County Hwy. Dept. will do the same on H.

Parks

- Use of the downtown parks has slowed down post-Labor Day as expected, and we hope to accomplish some minor maintenance projects at the Rec Center and Joni's Beach with decreased daily traffic.
- Big Bay Town Park should have its new playground nearly complete by the time this report is public. THANK YOU to all the unknown donors within the last few years that made that dream a reality.
- BBTP is scheduled for fall shutdown on Monday Oct. 23rd. After that date, we will be clearing and dropping many dead standing trees around both campsite loops, by order of the County Health Dept.

Misc./Admin.

- I spent a considerable amount of time this month on the Public Works budget(s) for 2024, and I look forward to discussing future maintenance needs and projects with the Town Board in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram
Public Works Director

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