

Public Works Director's Report

April 2025

The Roads crew plowed for two days in the first week of April. We had a significant snowstorm on April 2nd which brought us around 4-6 inches of heavy wet snow which made clearing snow from gravel roads very difficult, but we had it cleaned up the best we could by the end of the day April 3rd.

We hired Julie Hedges for the Camp host position # 2 and posted a part time position for a Fire Number sign installer on April 8th. I have two Parks applicants I hope to hire at the next Town Board meeting to bring summertime staff to full capacity.

Road grading began on April 17th, the earliest I have ever started in my 7 years with the Town. So far, I have graded Miller Farm Rd, Sunny slope, Voyageur, Herring Street, School House Road, Benjamin Blvd, and 5 miles of North Shore Road.

We began street sweeping and curb cleaning with our new Skid-steer attachment. We still have some work to do throughout town around LeSueur Street, Rice Street and downtown sidewalks. We have also been street sweeping behind the Ashland County Highway as they continue to clear the County H right of way.

Matt our Mechanic has been practicing for his CDL road test when he can. We hope to have this completed within the couple of weeks in time for gravel hauling season.

Town Roads

- Shoulder repair from plow damage in the 410 Backhoe.
- Downed tree clean up on North Shore and South Shore Road.
- C A Nelson and Sons used their log truck to remove dead treetops along Mission Hill that we could not reach with our equipment.
- Continuing to mark Fire Number installations for underground utility locators.

Parks

- Downed tree clean up and tree removal at BBTP.
- BBTP campsite cleanup.
- Took down snow fence at Joni's Beach.
- Turned on the water at the Rec Center for Tennis Court pressure washing.

Equipment

- Replaced dead batteries in 298 (dump truck) and 120 our excavator. Both sets were 4 years old and need to be replaced.
- Repaired 2 chainsaws. Spark plugs, air filters, fuel filters and recoil ropes.
- Replaced front end suspension and steering components in the green Library van.
- Repaired Tv-145 Tractor broom hoses and brake components.
- Replaced brakes in 220 (dump truck) to comply with DOT inspection.

Submitted by,

Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director.