

Public Works Report

August 2025

The 100 days of August are behind us. The Town Crew, BBTP Camp Hosts and MRF were busy as ever this month keeping up with trash & recycling collection and hauling, campers and day trippers at the park, road maintenance and repairs, dust control and road watering, airport mowing, Fire # installations, equipment maintenance, facilities maintenance and cleaning, and keeping the parks looking as good as we can.

I met with Emmer Shields who is contracting through Paladin Management Consultants for the Wisconsin DOT to inspect the “bridge” at the Island Marina. Technically that structure is categorized as a culvert and is not eligible for funding as a bridge because it is under 21 feet long. The Wisconsin DOT is looking to start a funding program for these types of culverts. Emmer deemed it to be in good shape, which is good news for us.

The fire suppression and alarm system at the Emergency Services building were inspected and tested this month. All systems are in good working order.

Roads

- Graded stretches of North Shore Rd. 4 times
- Graded Benjamin Blvd. 2 times
- Graded School Hs. Rd 1 time
- Graded Big Arn’s Road 1 time
- Replaces a culvert on Mondamin Trail and replaced blacktop
- Ditched and reshaped the shoulders on a small stretch of Mondamin trail
- Overlayed cold mix asphalt on a small stretch of Mondamin Trail
- Cleaned up several downed trees on North Shore and School Hs Road
- Spread the last 4 tons of dust control on School Hs Road and part of North Shore Rd.
- Watered North shore Rd, Benjamin Blvd. and School Hs Road 3 times
- Trimmed trees around street signs on Main Street and intersections Nebraska Row and Whitefish Street

County H

- Swept corners and intersections 2 times

- Cleaned up a few downed trees
- Mowed around guard rails

Parks

- Repaired the heaved blacktop over a culvert at the entrance to the skate park
- Added a small handicap parking pad at the entrance at the Dog Park
- Trash collection and bathroom cleaning are a daily occurrence at The Rec Center, Big Bay Town Park, Joni's Beach, and the White Fish Bathrooms
- Trevor is doing the best he can to stay on top of mowing and trimming the Clinic, Library, Town Hall, Joni's Beach, Pocket Park, Russel Park, Wheeler Walkway, MIFL Freight Building, Emergency Services Building, Winter Transportation Building, Town Shop, Airport hangers, Big Bay Town Park and along the right of way on Rice Street.
- Trimmed trees around the Skate Park and parking area along the Tennis courts
- Cleaned up several downed trees at the Big Bay Town Park

Facilities

Ray has been doing an outstanding job keeping up with maintenance of our facilities in addition to hauling trash and cleaning bathrooms on weekends if or when Trevor or I are not available.

- Repaired water heater at Joni's Beach
- Repaired faucets at BBTP
- Replace air filters at ESB
- Repaired Rec Center toilets and urinals
- Replaced several outlets on the RV side of the Town Park
- Maintenance on the Town Park holding tank alarms
- Replace Town Hall water filters
- Helped with alarm testing at ESB
- Repaired change machine at the town Park
- Repairs made to the boardwalk at the Town Park
- Repaired broken playground equipment at the Rec Center
- Replaced rusted-out grill at Joni's Beach
- Repairs made to the bridge at the Town Park

Airport

- Completed mowing along the runway in the airport tractor and rental skid steer with brush hog attachment.

- Began mowing and brush clearing around the AWOS station
- Repairs to the airport tractor mower. This implement has several wear parts that need to be replaced periodically

Equipment

- 98 GMC: Replaced fuel pressure regulator, fuel filter, spark plugs, repaired wiring.
- 2016 RAM 2500: Oil change, replaces brakes on all axles
- 2005 5yard dump truck: Wiring repair for brake lights and running
- 2004 Chevy 2500: Oil Change and radiator replacement
- MRF Roll-off truck: added coolant mixing valve for air conditioning, replaced backup alarm
- Installed DOT compliant fire extinguisher brackets on pickup trucks
- Repaired mower trailer wiring
- Replaced hour meter on Feris lawn mower, oil change and blade change

Fire #'s

- Called in utility locates for 49 properties and installed 47 Fire Numbers. We are missing some numbers, and an order will be placed as soon as we have enough of a list to make the order cost effective.

Respectfully submitted by,

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