

# 4-26

## Public Works Report

Spring is in the air! April blessed us with some very warm days allowing the Town crew to get started on parks projects and road maintenance early this year. It also brought us a major windstorm, causing a 3-day power outage for some Island residents.

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, straight line winds came across the lake at more than 60mph causing major damage to the power grid. The Town Crew worked through Friday night, Saturday and Sunday in conjunction with Xcel Energy removing trees from power lines and roads to restore electricity and safe travel on County H and many of the town roads. The La Point Volunteer Fire Department was also out in force setting up barricades and closing roads for downed power lines. There were also some private citizens helping move downed trees off the roads Friday night which was a big help to Evan Erickson Jr. and myself as we were the only crew members on the Island that night.

Working through the weekend we were able to open all the roads, but there were several additional days of clean up and tree removal all over the Island. Luckily there was no damage caused to any of the Town buildings and all our backup generators worked as they should.

The Big Bay Town Park weathered the windstorm well. There were several canoes and kayaks blown off the racks that we put back in place, a dozen or so trees down in campsites and across the roads and parking lots. The Town Crew spent three days cleaning up campsites and trees.

The Ashland County Highway Department came over on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> and spent a few days chipping trees in the right-of-way on County H and taking down trees leaning over the road after the storm.

I know this was in my last report, but I will reiterate that the La Pointe Elementary School has temporarily relocated during renovation to the Harry E. Nelson Rec Center. They moved in on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will be occupying this space until the end of the school year, and possibly longer depending on the length of the renovation to the La Pointe School. The Public Bathrooms at the Rec Center will be closed to the Public until the end of the school year.

The Town Crew removed our snow removal equipment from dump trucks, pickup trucks and the grader this month which is a guaranteed way to make sure we get another foot of snow....but we got lucky!!! We only got a few inches of snow on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and had the roads, dock and Airport cleaned up by 10am.

Looking forward to May, we will be doing a lot of street and curb sweeping. We put down 180 yards of salt sand on the roads through the winter months, and it shows...

### Town Roads

- Plowed once.
- Graded Part of North Shore Rd and Benjamin Boulevard.
- Major tree clean up on Main St, Old Fort Rd, Chief Buffalo, Capser Rd, South Shore Rd, North Shore Rd, White Fish St, North Shore Rd, Raymond Rd, and Hagen Rd.
- Swept Main St, Old Fort Rd, White Fish St, and Chief Buffalo after the windstorm.

- Cleaned out a beaver dam in the ditch on School Hs Rd, 4 times...We are in the process of having the DNR remove these nuisance beavers.
- Steamed 3 culverts.

### **Dock/Harbor**

- Swept and removed sand.
- Lowered 1 boat ramp in Bayfield.
- Raised 1 Ramp in Bayfield.
- Looked at parking lot and driveway repairs that need to be made.

### **County H**

- Major tree clean up all over County H.
- Swept County H in the tractor.
- Dropped several trees that beavers had started chewing up.
- Cleaned out 1 culvert that had been plugged up culvert by beavers.

### **Facilities**

- Still working on getting a replacement heating and cooling system update at the La Pointe Community Clinic.

### **Equipment**

- Replaced broom bristles on the Loader broom.
- Replaced failed Diesel Exhaust Fluid Header on the Loader.
- Sent out a hydraulic ram to be resealed on the 120C excavator.
- Serviced the 120C Excavator.
- Replaced belts and belt tensioner on the 410 Backhoe.
- Troubleshoot and repaired headlight and running light issue on the MRF Rolloff truck.
- Removed snow equipment from 2 dump trucks and the grader.
- Troubleshoot no fuel issue on 2001 GMC 3500.
- Performed general maintenance on 2004 Chevy 2500, 98 GMC 2500, 410 Backhoe, 2005 Sterling dump truck.
- Replace tires on the loader broom attachment.
- Replace tire on TV 145 broom attachment.