

## January 2024 Public Works Report

### Roads/Equipment/Airport

- The JD 772 grader wing was remounted once again due to snow forecast in the beginning of the month. The wing was dismantled in mid-November so grading could take place, after being put on for the Halloween snowfall.
- Plows were ready to go, and the crew had a medium crusty and icy plowing day on 1/6. The ground seemed to be freezing up well, and the dock, corners, and intersections were thoroughly sanded.
- The week of 1/8 was dry, and the crew spent considerable time on the northeast corner of the airport cleaning up and removing the downed trees from last summer's BOA required right-of-way clearing. This type of work can take place only when ground conditions are favorable, as most of the airport runway right-of-way is always very wet.
- The JD 410 loader backhoe was due for tires and had new road tires installed, as opposed to replacing the dirt tires that have always been on the machine. This makes the most sense, since the Town's JD 444 wheel loader does most of the dirt and gravel work, and the 410 drives all over the island roads for many varying tasks.
- Saturday 1/13 had high winds and blizzard conditions predicted. The entire crew was prepared and out plowing, but it wasn't a real blizzard after all. Thankfully, the winds did not cause any damage or power outages.
- Pete began working on a full brake repair job for the 1998 Ford Louisville dump truck. This will likely evolve into other repairs, as the truck has not been in the shop to have some real maintenance done for many years.

### Parks

- The Rec Center bathrooms were finally closed for the season due to the cold temperatures, but the main rec room and utility room remained heated in hopes of a skating rink. Fire Department members flooded the rink area multiple times, the building was prepared to be used as a warming room, and a new LED floodlight was installed. Unfortunately, as this report is being written, it is sunny and 34 degrees, and the entire flooding process will likely have to take place again if there is to be a rink this season.
- Ray and I rehabbed the BBTP office, which has never been done, and was overdue for new paint and some furniture upgrades. This includes a few chairs and tables for the noticeable increase in certain campers working remotely around the office area while using the Park's wi-fi.

### Misc./Admin

- County road load limits went into effect 1/26, which is unheard of in January.
- The entire crew spent multiple days thoroughly cleaning the Roads shop and SRE building.

Respectfully submitted,  
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