

April 2016
Foreman Report

Roads

- All of the gravel roads were graded, this began on April 14 this year. Historically, this was about two weeks early.
- We started replacing and fixing some locations of street signs on the south end of the island, this work will continue in May. Budget allowing we are slowly bringing our signs up to the industry standard meeting the new retroreflective requirements set in place by the state.
- We started cleaning out the ditches from downfall and other debris, just a few more roads remain, which we plan to finish in May.
- Extensive research has begun on taking over and developing Big Arn's Rd into a town road. I would like to urge the Town Board not to rush into adopting this road yet, as many things still need to be brought to your attention, such as cost and how to pay for such a road. It may be best if we take a step back and have a workshop with you and the public to fully address everything before a resolution is signed. I'm in full support of this private road becoming a town road but only when the town is ready to do so, both financially and logistically. We also need to keep in mind we have some very large expenses coming our way in the next 3-5 years with equipment needs, town road maintenance, dock expansion, gravel purchase, etc.

Parks

- A public phone was added at BBTP outside the shower facility visible as soon as you drive in. This phone is programmed to only make local and 800 number calls. BBTP now has two public phones one at the pit toilet and this new one outside the shower facility.
- We spread top soil out on a few of the old camp sites at BBTP to help level and improve them, each year we will do a few more.
- All of the public restrooms were cleaned and started up for the season.
- We brought in a small amount of top soil and filled in the hole from the old willow tree we took down last fall at Joni's Beach. Hay and grass seed was applied and should be growing soon.
- The grant we are seeking from the DNR for improvements to Joni's beach, was completed and turned in, Lisa and I will keep you posted as of the status.
- The Rec Center building was power washed and will be painted in the beginning of May.

Town Buildings/Projects

- It was discovered that the well at the Town Hall had several small holes in the supply line causing the pump the run non-stop. Melin Well Drilling was contacted and promptly showed up the next day, during a snow storm, and fixed it. A new pump was also installed as insurance while I had his crew here.
- The town hall generator is scheduled to be hooked up and running on May 5, 2016. This has been a long awaited process, and will soon allow the town hall to stay energized if and when we have a power outage. A very special thank you to the Mack family for donating the transfer switch to make this improvement possible.

- The Fire/EMS and WT buildings are scheduled to start having the roofs replaced starting May 16th. The work should take no more than two weeks.
- A small leak was discovered in the Library coming from the bottom of the pressure tank. This tank was replaced and water back on within 24 hours.
- The solar array project is right on schedule. The crew should be done pouring the footings by May 5th and are planning on returning the following week when the concrete hardens to install the towers and finish wiring. Everything should be well completed by the May 26th dead line.

Equipment

- The road crew's new 2-ton dump truck is scheduled to be delivered to the dealership on May 6th, it will then go to United Truck Body in Duluth to be outfitted with the bed and plow package. I hope to have it on the island by June 10th.
- The engine in our decommissioned 96 pickup truck was successfully installed in the white parks truck. The tires were given to the MRF and installed on their pickup. We will continue to salvage any parts off this truck before it goes for scrap metal.
- All of our big plow trucks have been stripped of their plows, cleaned, greased, and serviced for summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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