

November 2014
Foreman Report

Roads

- Winter has hit the northland so a decent amount of our time this month has been spent plowing snow.
- Northwoods paving was unable to come to the island and patch Penny Lane until after our hard freeze and snow, so I decided not to have the road patched until the spring of 2015.
- We have constructed a retaining wall at Griggs Approach parking lot to expand the parking lot by 20 feet. This is going to be great for the wind sled season, having the extra room to park and plow. The only materials that were purchased for this project were six bags of concrete. The wood and screws were left over from BBTP, the sand was from the harbor dredging project, and the top coating is reclaimed asphalt that we had from old road projects. This project will be completed in the beginning part of December.

Parks

- The grant for BBTP has been prepared and closed by the town hall administration. Just under \$200,000 should be returned to us, from the DNR, by the end of 2014.

Equipment

- All of the equipment has been winterized; all plows are on, blower is on TV145, winter blend in the fuel, etc.
- The truck named "Dale" from the Fire Dept. had some carb work done and seems to running and idling much better.
- The winter four wheel drive EMS rig had new batteries purchased and installed. This vehicle needs to run more often to keep the batteries charged and performing properly.
- Our main plow truck 54 has an engine oil leak. This problem will be further investigated and fixed soon.
- 98 plow truck continues to have a bad rear seal and leaking oil. We are monitoring it and keeping it at a proper working level. I hope to have this fixed as soon as our new budget cycle starts.
- The 2-ton's new sander is performing very well. A protective steel frame was constructed to wrap around the down spout on the back of the truck. This will protect the auger and spinner from any accidental backing up into a snow bank or other hard structure.

Administrative

- Midland Services installed 10 (ten) 1000 gallon propane tanks at various locations for the towns buildings. The price of propane was then offered at \$2.01/gallon delivered, it was accepted as the lowest price and all of the tanks were filled by 11/21/14. Due to some conditions beyond our control Midland will be back in the spring to finish trenching and installing the tanks more permanently.
- I successfully completed all the requirements and tests for a commercial driver license and now have class ABCDM. Adam will be pursuing his CDL in the spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

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