

June 2024 Public Works Report

Roads

- The last Hagen Road culvert was replaced on 6/10. Specific utility poles on Hagen are scheduled to be moved and/or replaced early July.
- The road shoulders were cut earlier than usual this year with the disc mower, as the grass is now growing very quickly.
- We will be renting a tractor with a boom mower from Lulich Implement for the month of July, with the goal of cutting back the foliage in every ditch backslope and intersection as much as possible.
- The roads crew cut back the County guardrails on 6/11 and met with the County's USDA contracted trapper regarding the large beaver dam within the State Park, which is keeping Black Shanty Road completely saturated and almost underwater in the lowest areas.
- The night of 6/18 saw a significant storm system pass over the north end of the island, dropping multiple inches of rainfall in a matter of hours. While we didn't get hit as badly as parts of Bayfield County or Northern Minnesota, it was still enough to cause multiple washouts on Big Bay Road, Schoolhouse Road, Kron-Dahlin, and North Shore Road. The Ashland County Hwy. crew came over right away on 6/19 to work on Big Bay Road, while the Town crew cleared trees and went to work on washout repair. This continued for a few days and depleted the Town's gravel stockpile. Thanks to Pete and Evan Jr. for a long night monitoring washouts and putting up barricades.

Parks

- BBTP and all the downtown Parks are in full busy season mode, and the Town crew has been keeping up the best that they can on regular maintenance such as trash and bathrooms and mowing, without a seasonal Parks crew. I think everyone did a great job throughout June, and we have two new people starting the 1st week of July.

Misc.

- Woodstock, the MRF hauling truck, returned from its overhaul just in time for the busiest time at MRF.
- I met with Northwoods Paving reps mid-June, and the Town crew will assist them in moving material in July as they prep for mobile asphalt plant set-up. At that time, we will work together to establish a new Town gravel stockpile.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director

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