

## July 2024 Public Works Report

### Roads

- The third cross culvert on North Shore Road heading north began to collapse during the first week of the month. It was not ideal with the increased holiday traffic, but the culvert was replaced by the crew on 7/3.
- From 7/9-7/11, the roads crew graded, watered, and spread 20 tons of flake magnesium chloride on the stretches of gravel roads with the most average daily traffic. The product worked well initially, but as expected, excessive speed and increased number of vehicles are problematic factors when the roads are in good shape, and by the time this report is being written, areas have become wash boarded and somewhat dusty again. Rain days have helped, as the product is still active in the road material, but I will be recommending twice the amount of mag chloride for next year.
- Anderson Lane was repaired, and material added to the east shoulder. The rains of 6/18 poured out of the woods and overwhelmed the 4-foot culvert, resulting in water flowing over the road.
- Boom mowing of the ditch backslopes ended the third week of July.
- The USDA contractor blasted beaver dams within the State Park on 7/17, which resulted in Black Shanty Road being closed for an afternoon for safety.
- The new fire # sign installers have been doing an excellent job.
- The new street signs will begin to be installed in early August.

### Parks

- The new Parks crew began the first week of July and they have had a busy month. The mowing will likely slow down by August and the crew will then assist with other projects.
- Big Bay Town Park is completely booked through Labor Day, and the hosts and crew continue to keep up and are doing great as expected.

### Misc.

- Major Gilbert Field began its annual brush cutting and mowing in the last week of July, hopefully with additional brush clearing to the southwest of runway 4 as the dry weather is upon us.
- Northwoods Paving and their subcontractors continue to prepare for the fall paving project(s). I am grateful to the Town Board for granting approval to use unused winter operations funds to take advantage of the opportunity, and we are currently planning paving repairs on various paved roads around the south end of the island.

Respectfully submitted,  
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