

October 2024 Public Works Report

The public works department has been shorthanded since Ben Schram left the position of Public Works Director mid-September. I stepped in to fill that position, leaving behind the mechanic duties for the Town, and Evan Erickson Jr. has been filling in at the MRF in Marty Curry's absence for the month of October.

On that note I am happy to report that the Town Board approved the hiring of an applicant for the Mechanic/CDL driver position beginning November 8th which will bring the Public Works Department's full-time staff back to full capacity just in time for snowplow season.

Roads

- Grading in the early part of part of October was difficult due to such dry conditions. The North Shore Road network was graded twice this month. Old Fort, Sunny Slope, Brians Road, and the Raymond Road network were each graded once.
- One culvert north of 1412 north Shore Road was replaced by the roads crew due to collapse.
- New Fire number signs and posts will continue to be installed by a part time employee until freeze up.

Parks

- Big Bay Town Perk facilities have been winterized and the main office is closed for the season. Pit toilets are still open, and camping is still permitted.
- Public restrooms and porta potties at Jonis' Beach, White Fish Street and the Rec Center will be closed and winterized the week of 10/28.

Equipment

- Minor repairs to three of our pickups, and our 97' dump truck.

Misc.

- Working with Xcel Energy to grant them an easement along White Fish Street and Sunny Slope to upgrade power lines in anticipation for the new underwater cable to be installed.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director.