

February 2025 Public Works Report

February brought us a significant amount of snow totaling approximately 15 inches. It snowed 12 out of 28 days this month keeping us busy plowing, sanding and moving snow piles.

We have used approximately 90% of our 100 yards of salt sand mix this season and hope to have Ferries running in the next couple weeks so we are able to get another load of rock salt to mix another 50 yards of salt sand and get us through March and April.

The tree removal bid for trees around the Winter transportation building was awarded to Greg Nelson. The weather has prevented him from getting to this project and with temporary road limits going into effect on 3-10 it may be a couple of months before this work can be completed.

I have put together two purchase orders for pieces of equipment for the Roads Department. The first item is a curb sweeper attachment for our skid-steer. This implement will save us considerable time and man hours. Curb cleaning in the spring usually takes 4 crew members 2-3 half days to complete before traffic and parking shuts it down. This implement will allow 1 operator to complete this task in one day. The other item is a new Ferris lawn mower. Our old John Deere Z-Turn wore out and was auctioned off last fall

Roads

- Plowing: Roads Crew plowed 12 days in February and spread approximately 25 yards of our 10% salt to sand mix.

Ice Road / Approach

- Roads crew flooded the Byfield approach on 2-3-25.
- Sanding the Griggs approach access as needed.

Parks

- Roads Crew has kept trail heads and parks parking areas open to the public as usual.
- We will hopefully be hiring two applicants for Parks positions at the next regular town board meeting.

Equipment / Fleet

- Replaced fuel tank on our 5-yard dump truck. The inside of the original tank had been painted and began to flake off clogging the fuel system.
- Replaced fuel shut off solenoid in the Roads Department skid steer.
- General maintenance of our snow removal equipment such as greasing, blade changes, cleaning.

Facilities

- Improving our Shop spaces.
- The Winter Transportation Building had some issues with the in-floor heat. After Superior Plumbing performed several tests on the system, they determined it was one of the thermostats and replaced it. The system has had no issues.
- The La Pointe Community Clinic had an issue with their heating system. Superior plumbing cleaned a part that had some corrosion build up and it has been working like it should.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director.