

## **Road and Property Report – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Winter came early this year. We are used to seeing snow in October, but this was the first time in my 34 year plowing career that we had to plow snow in October. Even the Halloween storm of 1991 wasn't plowed by the Town until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Work on West Cable Lake Road is halted for this year. We didn't get the road graveled this season as we had hoped. Completing this road will be our priority next year. We will be back on it in late May or early June.

Our new intersection on Ole Lake Road is paved and in use. It turned out extremely well and is exponentially safer than the original intersection. We barricaded the old section of road for this winter, and will remove it permanently next year.

We contracted Fahrner Asphalt to crack seal a number of roads in October. All of the roads in the village that were paved as part of the installation of the sanitary system in 2004 were crack sealed, as well as North Riverside Road, Resort Road, and the mile section of Frels Road from Telemark Road to the transfer site entrance. This is a highly recommended maintenance practice that extends the life of the asphalt.

Our new salt sand building is complete. It is basically a three sided pole shed with an asphalt floor, and large concrete blocks lining the lower six feet to contain the sand. This design costs 30% of traditional wood structures and the new fabric structures.

Once the building was complete, we mixed up our salt sand for the season. Since we now have a building to store the majority of it, we mixed up a little over 1,000 tons. Over 650 tons fit inside the new building, with the remainder piled on the apron in front. Our average use is in the 600 ton range. Now we can put up extra. We will not have to worry about having excess left over, and no longer have to ration our usage during more severe winters.

We continue to pursue a solution for the culvert situation on River Road. We are doing some preliminary work with Cooper Engineering out of Rice Lake to see if a compliant and more cost effective resolution can be discovered. Cooper Engineering and DNR personnel will be meeting with us this coming Tuesday to discuss possible options.

Brakken Street is now officially Discontinued. We went through the legal process and all requirements by the Department of Transportation, the DNR, and the Town of Cable were met. Hopefully Mother Nature will hold off long enough that they can still get started on it this month.

The new public restrooms had a short run this year. Three weeks after we opened them, we drained them down and closed them for the season. We also drained the Depot and took down the tennis nets. Also, in preparation for the cold weather, we spent some time at the skating rink, shaving down a high spot in the middle. It probably won't be long before we start flooding it for the winter season.

Finally, I have been working on applying for a few grants this fall. I applied for federal money in a Firewise grant. This is a fuels reduction program which helps pay for tree removal along our roadways, thereby creating fire breaks. If we are successful, we will receive enough money to clear approximately 3.3 miles of roadway. I also am applying for a Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) grant. If successful, this money will go towards the paving of a section of Cable Sunset Road in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Lang – Road and Property Foreman