

Public Works Report February 2017

Snow and More Snow: Throughout the past month our crew has only done three things.

1. Plow Snow.
2. Fix the equipment used to plow the snow.
3. Plow More Snow...

Winter Breaking Point: Due to the large snowfall this winter finding a place to stash it all has become a real challenge for both public works and home owners. We are seeing the resulting frustration from folks clearing their driveways with huge snow banks at the end and slim to no room left to pile it. As always when this happens, many people resort to plowing, blowing and even shoveling their driveway snow into the road in the hope that it will magically disappear. It won't. If we are still out plowing it will get carried down to the next driveway so their neighbor has to deal with it. If we are done plowing it leaves a huge mess and road hazard for their neighbors to drive through. When we find folks doing this we stop and explain to them that they cannot do that and why. We also give them a copy of the plowing policy. Most folks understand and agree not to do it again but some just get very upset and blame us for the problem. Hey. Being the evil plow truck driver comes with the territory so we don't let it bother us one bit.



We just go back to work wearing the evil plow driver grin...

No not really! In fact our mild mannered, hard working crew has been out at every opportunity between storms pushing back the snow banks and clearing intersections to make room for more snow and allow better visibility to oncoming traffic. As in the past we send out teams with a road grader, a wing truck, bucket loader and V-plow truck to beat back the white stuff and clean up the resulting mess and even the messes some folks leave for us.

Relax everybody. Spring will be here soon enough!  Or is that pothole season???

WARNING

You MUST Stop Placing Snow or Slush in Right of Way Immediately

No community member may place and allow to remain on any community owned road or right of way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally. Any violation of this prohibition shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$100 for each additional offense plus costs of time, materials, and equipment to return right of way to a safe and proper manner.

You are making it difficult for the road crew to keep the road widened properly. This can cause a hazard to members and cause damage to the plows and plowing equipment. We understand that due to the increased amount of snowfall everybody is having a hard time keeping their driveways clear. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Truck and Equipment Maintenance: This past month's repairs include: The International wheeler needed a new water pump and alternator. Also the large front plow frame came apart resulting a catastrophic failure including broken hydraulic rams, etc. Our guys rebuilt that and put it back in service.

The L-8000 needed a water pump. The bucket loader needed a new alternator, batteries and a water pump. The Champion grader needed a new hydraulic pump and part of the plow frame got badly bent and needed to be rebuilt from scratch. The FL-80 wing plow post got bent up and needed fixing. The GMC 3500 needed a new wiper transmission. Many other small repairs too numerous to mention.

Water Production for January 2017 was 10.2 Million Gallons.