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August Monthly Road & Property Report

The days are getting shorter quickly, we all know what's around the corner, unfortunately. As we start counting the days to fall, we are also counting down the days left for road work. Our work schedule this summer has gotten quite jammed up. The gravel crushing which was supposed to be done by the end of June is currently still in progress. I'm not pointing fingers to blame, it's just circumstances beyond our control. The contractor had equipment issues and MSHA inspections which led to extra downtime they had not planned on, so they were late when they finally were able to get here. Once they got here, then the weather changed and dumped some rain, further slowing the process for gravel crushing. They are working as steadily as they can.

Road projects. The section of sunset has had all stumps pulled and is waiting for gravel. Once we get the gravel base down, we can get going on the ditching. While we are waiting for the gravel, we have been pulling stumps along Frels Rd.

Equipment. Our 2015 plow truck is still down waiting for parts. We are waiting for the new sprocket shafts which may be here by the end of August. We had to replace the tie rod assembly on our grader. Our riding mower is down again for an electrical issue and a coolant leak. A broken wire was the electrical issue and the water pump is bad. Hopefully we'll have it back next week. Parts can be difficult lately with so many places short staffed. Our parts store doesn't deliver anymore due to lack of help, along with many of the other places we go for parts. Now we have to send someone to pick up parts and supplies unless we can get them shipped.

I would like to remind everyone that dumping furniture, tv's, etc. along the road, even if you are trying to give it away, is illegal. If you place it along your driveway with a free sign, that's ok, but not out on the road or at intersections. Also, tearing up gravel roads, parking lots, and intersections is also illegal. It costs the town about \$100/hr for one machine and operator to go fix these areas. We do have cameras in areas that are commonly subject to this. Any of these things will be reported to the Sheriff's dept.

As always, please call or email with any concerns or talk with elected officials. Any after hours issues, such as trees down, etc., don't hesitate to call the Bayfield County Sheriff and let them know. They will dispatch us out. Have a great summer and be safe.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Swanson, Road & Property Foreman