

February Monthly Road & Property Report

Winter has arrived. We've been busy with the usual winter road maintenance, plowing, sanding, scraping, and now winging later this week. We have gone through quite a bit of sand so far, which is surprising with the late start to winter. I estimate we have put down approximately 430 tons of salt/sand on our roads so far. We started with approximately 640 tons, so we have about 1/3 left. We do have more sand and we have 20 tons remaining on our salt order with the county, so we can mix more if we need too.

We have had some equipment repairs so far this year. We had to replace a small window in the backhoe due to a branch going through while pushing up brush. One of the flood lights on the loader went out, but the dealer doesn't stock halogen lights anymore, so we had to replace it with l.e.d. We tried to get lights through the parts stores, but they don't carry 24-volt lights. We went through our quad axle dump truck, servicing the engine, tires, replacing any lights and had to fabricate a step bracket to replace one on the truck that was rusting off.

We have done many miscellaneous things also. We had to clear out around the lights at the airport. We went through our shop tool inventory, making sure everything is there and anything new is added. We keep an inventory for insurance reasons and to make sure things don't disappear. I'm creating an equipment inventory, which lists all of our trucks, equipment and all attachments.

All in all, things are in good shape. Tim D and Tim H are settling into their jobs well and will be good employees for the town. The next couple weeks we will be getting prepared for Birkie and then for spring.

Respectfully,

Jason Swanson, Road & Property Foreman