

March Monthly Road & Property Report

We haven't had much for snow removal in the last month. We have been working on maintenance projects at the shop during this time. We changed a wheel seal and the air dryer on the Mack Quad, so that it was ready to sell. We serviced our John Deere 755 tractor so it will be ready to go for the summer. We have doing the 4,000 hr service on our grader. This service recommends all gearbox oils to be changed, the engine valve lash to be set and the crankshaft dampner to changed. We had Arnie's repair come to the shop to set the valves and change the dampner. He was about \$200 cheaper on labor than John Deere. We saved about \$600 on the 60 gallons of oil by getting it from L&M during one of their sales instead of buying it through John Deere. While going through everything on the grader, we found the starter was getting bad, so we replaced that. We also found the wear inserts for the blade were very worn, so we are replacing those and reshimming the blade.

We have some work to do on our Sterling Quad and our brusher which we will do during the spring breakup while the road bans are on. Speaking of road bans, those went into effect on March 9th and are expected to be on for approximately 8 weeks or so.

We had our yearly MSHA (mine safety) training on March 3rd. and we also went to a hazardous material awareness class in Washburn on March 6th. The hazmat class fills an OSHA requirement for the training. We had to setup a safety and training plan for road dept. personnel as it is going to be required for entry in commercial gravel pits by MSHA.

As the snow disappears, our springtime tasks will start. We cleared out around our patch material so it thaws quicker and we can get out patching. Street sweeping and yard cleanup will be starting soon as well. We have to start getting info on having our parking lines in the village painted. We usually have a diggers hotline class in April that we attend. It is usually in Hayward and is a evening class. We are going to look at replacing the faucets in the CCC bathrooms. It is going to be a busy spring this year and time will go by fast.

Respectfully,

Jason Swanson, Road & Property Foreman