

## HIGHWAY REPORT

### FEBRUARY

It has been a very busy winter this year. The crew has only had six days off in the first forty-three days of this year. Approximately 2/3 of this year's snow removal budget is exhausted with about 1/2 of the total over time used.

Hughes Net was installed at the highway garage on January 23, 2015. The Computer at the shop is having issues with windows updating. This computer was free to the town and is due to be replaced. I am requesting a new computer not to exceed \$1,000.

With a purchase of a new computer I will have a new email address, [gallatinhwy@gmail.com](mailto:gallatinhwy@gmail.com). Any comments received by the town board on highway business should be forwarded to that address.

A draft of the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement (shared services) was presented to the town superintendents at their February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. This agreement will be between Columbia County and towns to share equipment and Columbia County towns share equipment among themselves, for those that choose to participate. A final draft will be presented to the town board for approval and resolution to be forwarded to the county.

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MARCH 2015

The final draft for the county wide Inter-Municipal Agreement (shared services) is here for review. If the board is in favor of the agreement a resolution needs to be forwarded to the county.

The snow removal budget line (DA5142.4) is \$610.65 in the red as of the end of February. This line is for plow blades, road sand, salt, and diesel fuel. Diesel fuel still needs to come out of this line in March. Consideration needs to be given to this coming December.

All repairs to equipment were done in house this month, except the mounting of tires. I am asking permission from the board to purchase a tool box from Lowes at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. We had \$1,359 of scrap metal last year. I would ask this purchase not to be taken out of the repair line (DA5130.4).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

# AGREEMENT

This Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by and between the County of Columbia, the towns of Ancram, Austerlitz, Canaan, Chatham, Village of Chatham, Claverack, Clermont, Copake, Gallatin, Germantown, Ghent, Greenport, Hillsdale, Kinderhook, Village of Kinderhook, Livingston, New Lebanon, Village of Philmont, Stockport, Stuyvesant, Taghkanic, Village of Valatie and City of Hudson. Each party hereto is a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as party/parties) created under the laws of the State of New York. This agreement is authorized pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

WHEREAS, each of the parties desire cooperation and assistance by and between their respective Superintendent of Highways and Highway Departments for Public Works and including, but not limited to, the general maintenance, construction and repair of municipal roads, highways, bridges and property.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration both tangible and intangible, each party hereto agrees as follows:

1. Each party herein is authorized to provide services and assistance to another party or parties to this agreement when requested by a party hereto. Such assistance, however, may only be provided to the extent that such assistance does not interfere with or materially diminish the level of services provided by the assisting party to its' own residents or is deemed inappropriate, by the Superintendent of Highways of the assisting party.
2. Although providing assistance by way of manpower and equipment is permissible, no party to this agreement may gift any materials or parts to the other parties.
3. Each party to this agreement warrants to the others that it maintains its own liability, property damage, motor vehicle and workers compensation insurance and each municipality will hold the others harmless and indemnify the other(s) for its own acts or the acts and omissions of its employees.

This agreement will commence on \_\_\_\_\_ terminating on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. Any party may cancel and exclude itself from this agreement upon thirty (30) days notice to the others.

Should one or more parties cancel this agreement, said cancellation does not impair the validity of this agreement by and between the remaining parties.

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APRIL 2015

The Highway Crew has removed many dead trees along town roads and Sweeping has begun as weather permits. The toolbox approved last month came in at 995.50 And that is 204.50 the amount budgeted.

Kathleen Marchione office Emailed the projected Chips Funding for 2015 and Gallatin is slated for 102,127.70 with an additional 14,449.00 in Winter Recovery Money for a total of 116576.70. That is up 2888.79 from last year.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm

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MAY 2015

The annual rabies clinic was held at the town garage on May 2 with just over 70 animals vaccinated. The spring sweeping is complete and all snow removal equipment has been washed and has a coat of new paint. The dirt roads have had I-tem 4 added as needed and have been graded

I am recommending the following projects for our Chips allocation of 2015

A top coat of oil & stone to finish up the Motopave on the Church road. Peckham was low bid @ \$ 10.221

Double coat of oil & stone on Hilltop road . Peckham was low bid @ \$53.411

Motopave on a portion of Barnett road from the McNeill road to Near/ Skiba intersection , than on Near road to the 2012 Chips paving. Pecham was low bid @ \$56.704

The culvert replacements and preparation work + materials for Hilltop and Barnett will come from Roadmaintenance budget line

The total Chips funding is \$116.576.70

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm.

## SALT/SAND/FUEL COMPARISON

YEAR	SALT	SAND	FUEL
2003	597 tons	1615 yards	5607 gals
2004	454 tons	932 yards	4942 gals
2005	368 tons	1617 yards	5148 gals
2006	242 tons	545 yards	2205 gals
2007	553 tons	340 yards	850 gals
2008	561 tons	1498 yards	4334 gals
2010	424 tons	186 yards	3082 gals
2011	552 tons	1086 yards	4021 gals
2012	202 tons	352 yards	2650 gals
2013	554 tons	1401 yards	3337 gals
2014	561 tons	343 yards	2909 gals

# Highway Report

June 2015

The Highway Department has hauled in 800 tons of stone for the upcoming MotoPave project on Barnett road that is schedule for the end of July.

We have replaced Culvert pipe on Mill Hill, Kozlowski, Barnett and Near roads and the first round of road side mowing is complete.

I am asking permission from the Board to have Morris Associates draw up plans for a 12x25 enclosed storage area under the salt shed's lean-to. If the plans are approved by the board, I can submit a material list with cost. I plan to do all the work in house.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

July 2015

Work continues on Hilltop, Near and Barnet in preparation of the upcoming chip sealing and Moto paving.

I attended the culvert assessment training meeting held here at the town hall on June 20th. This program is put on by Cornell Cooperative Extension and was developed by the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative. The culvert pipes that they will be assessing are not storm run-off pipes. The concern this group has is that the aquatic life is able to travel through pipes that have water in them year round. A report will be given to the town when the survey is complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Gomm



## HIGHWAY REPORT

AUGUST 2015

The first layer of Motopave was done on portions of Near and Barnett roads on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the assistance from the towns of Taghkanic, Ancram, PinePlains and Red hook. Work continues Hilltop road for its upcoming Double Chip sealing scheduled for September.

The annual maintenance on the Cemetery is completed and roadside mowing continues.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Gomm

## HIGHWAY REPORT

September 2015

The CHIPS project on Church Road and Hilltop Road was completed on September 15 with help from Ancram, Pine Plains and Red Hook Highway Departments. Work started on the highway garage addition on August 27 with currently 90 hours provided by the department towards the project.

Ethan Santos has handed in his two weeks notice. An ad will be put in the paper seeking candidates for his replacement. Ethan brought many skills to us and saved the town a lot of money because of our ability to do many in house repairs. He will be difficult to replace and I wish him well.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm

## Highway Inventory

### September 2015

2015 International Tandem Plow/Dump-1HTGRSTNT1FH652741	Very Good
2013 Chevrolet 1 ton dump- 1GB3KZC80DF223711	Very Good
2011 Chevrolet Pick-up- 1GC3KCBGXAF106802	Fair
2008 International Plow/Dump- 1HTWMAZR39J082015	Good
2006 International Dump-1HTWDAAN47J4465094	Good
2004 International Dump- 1HTWLADR74J082005	Fair
2000 International Tri-axle Dump-1HTXHAXT41J015127	Good
1997 International Plow/Dump- 1HTGEAHRXVH439369	Good
2007 544E John Deere LoaderDW-544J2615282	Good
1995 580L Case Backhoe-JJG0219082	Fair
1987 7070B John Deere Grader-DW770BX515250	Fair
2006 5525 John Deere Tractor-14877701006525	Good
1989 4610 Ford Tractor- BC01661	Fair
1974 3400 Ford Tractor-D4NN 6015 F	Fair
1987 MorBark Chipper-C1348	Fair
Tow-behind Leave Vacuum-072402023	Good
1982 Tow-behind York Rake-2401	Fair
1989 60" Alamo offset flail mower-01263	Fair
2014 60" Alamo offset flail mower- 01589	Very Good
60" Mott finishing flail- 2011	Fair
2006 PA93 McConnel "over rail Flail"-7193961-291	Good
25K PTO Generator- 3144934	Good
1989 M&B Power Broom- 126953	Fair
2013 Sweepster Power Broom- 1348008	Very Good
2013 Fisher 2.2yd poly sander- 13032720165178007	Very Good
2011 Smith 1yd sander-	Fair
2011 8.5ft Fisher Minute Mount plow- 08072920149628500	Fair
2013 9ft Fisher Minute Mount plow-130410207501291001	Very Good
2015 Tenco 1 way Head plow-49300	Very Good
2008 Henderson 1 way Head plow- 0WPO6209	Good
1997 Frink 1 way Head Plow- 640SCK58PM	Fair
2015 11ft Tenco wing- 49190	Very Good
2008 11ft Henderson Wing- LWNG05456	Good
1997 11ft Frink Wing	Fair

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#### Lawn Mowers:

LX176 John Deere	Good
LT150 John Deere	Good
102 John Deere	Fair
John Deere (push)	Fair
Troy Bilt (push)	Fair

#### String Trimmers:

John Deere	Good
FS80 STIHL x2	Good (Both)
FS81 STIHL	Good

#### Chain saws:

03AV 24" STIHL	Good
MS90 20" STIHL x2	Good (Both)
MS60 16" STIHL x2	Good (Both)
HT78 Pole Saw STIHL	Good
BR600 STIHL Leaf Blower x3	Good (All)

#### Electronics:

Motorola portable radios x2	Good (Both)
Two way Radios x7	Good (All)
Compaq Computer	Poor
Epson Printer	Good
Samsung Tablet	Good

#### Tools:

Steam Cleaner	Good
Power washer	Good
22 ton air jack	Good
HD battery charger	Very Good
1 set of torches	Good
Floor mounted Drill press	Fair
Dayton compressor	Fair
Shop Vac	Good
Mig Welder- M3140507211	Very Good
Plasma Cutter- MX14117038272	Very Good
Kobalt Toolbox 42", 20 Drawers	Very Good

## HIGHWAY REPORT

OCTOBER 2015

We have started our final roadside mowing for the year. Ditch work has been done on Tinker Hill, Karwacki and West Pond Lily. More ditch

Work is planned throughout the town as the weather allows. We are currently fixing broken road edges with blacktop using equipment from the Town of Taghknich. I am in contact with Central Hudson Line Forman, George Dafoe, about damage done to the road and ditches on Tinker Hill. Central Hudson will be reimbursing us for the needed repairs. The addition is progressing with the roof trusses to be installed this Friday

I was notified by Supervisor John Reilly and Councilman Jeff Galm that the majority of the Town Board has voted to seek candidates for the position of Highway Superintendent of the Town of Gallatin. I am Resubmitting my application along with an updated resume to seek a reappointment to the position I have held for the past 33 months.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

November 2015

The Highway Department continues its final roadside mowing for year along with shoulder improvement on Near and Barnett roads. We have replaced 2 culvert pipes on Crock road and have repaired the damage on Tinker Hill road. The addition to the garage is progressing with 26 man hours this month from the Highway crew.

I have hired Preston Vincent to fill the vacant position. He has a CDL and has worked for the Village of Pawling. He will be working this Saturday at the town clean-up day for people to meet.

On October 13, while Todd Coons was fueling the 89 Ford tractor an electrical fire started and melted the fuel line allowing diesel to flow onto the fire. His quick response with two fire extinguishers kept the damage down to \$2500.00. Fingar Insurance promptly mailed a check to the town for the repairs and the tractor is at Pine Plains Ford Tractor being repaired.

I am requesting to transfer \$5000 from the DA5110.4 (Road Repair line) to the DA5130.4(Machinery Repair line). Service and Inspections are due on 5 truck and tires need to be purchase. I am also requesting \$3000 from the DA5110.4 (Road Repair line) to the DA5142.4 (Snow Removal line) for the purchase of salt for December.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm

## HIGHWAY REPORT

December 2015

On November 7<sup>th</sup> we had our annual cleanup day, with over 90 loads coming into the Highway garage. The dumpster fees from Columbia County Solid Waste was \$2270.22 and labor was \$651. Special thanks go out to Lisa Deleeuw, Heather Parson and Jeff Galm for all their help.

The work done by One Way Construction on the Highway garage addition was completed on November 25<sup>th</sup>. From ground breaking on August 27<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> was 69 business days with 106 man hours supplied by the Highway Department.

I have received a letter from Ben Funk with approximate market values for our International trucks that are over 10 years old. This along with a similar letter from John Deere will be submitted to our Insurance agent, Peter Finger, to have a more accurate value of this equipment. This could reduce our premiums.

I am requesting the purchase of a new computer and highway software program. The computer is a Dell Optiplex 9030 along with a word program that is under State Contract. The software is from Williamson Law Book and is used county wide. The cost of the two is \$5091.

Respectfully Submitted,