

## Highway Report

January 2017

The Highway Department has dealt with 12 snow/ice events already this winter. That is just 2 shy of all of last year.

Our crew continues to remove dead trees and brush along town roads when weather permits .

Under Shared Services we had a truck help the Town of Taghkanic for two days. I have attached a list of the total Shared Services for 2016. As requested by councilmen Mortenson I have supplied the Board with an explanation of my use and non-use of wing man or ladies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm



Jack Gomm &lt;gallatinhwy@gmail.com&gt;

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3 messages

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Cc: Jeff Galm <jeffg4gallatin@gmail.com>

Sat, Dec 17, 2016 at 3:32 PM

Jack, next month could you give the Board a run down of when and why we do or do not use wingman for plowing. I received a call from a resident asking why we don't use them. My answer was we do if they are needed. No issue, just want better clarification for future.

Thank you Eric

Sent from my iPhone

**Jack Gomm** <gallatinhwy@gmail.com>  
To: Eric Mortenson <eric.mortenson@hotmail.com>

Sun, Dec 18, 2016 at 7:25 AM

Good Morning Eric,

Trucks #3 and #88 are set up with wing controls that swivel to either driver or passenger. Truck # 8 ( 97) is old school and has controls only on passenger side .Ben Coons is the wingman for that truck and is called when ever I feel we need to use the wing The other wing man we had quit after the 2014\2015 winter. On bigger storms I like to round up help because I like the extra set of eyes. I ran a tandem for Milan solo from 2005 to 2012 . From 1992 to 2004 I ran a truck with a wingman. I prefer solo.

More to come, Jack

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**Jack Gomm** <gallatinhwy@gmail.com>  
To: Eric Mortenson <eric.mortenson@hotmail.com>

Mon, Dec 19, 2016 at 2:29 PM

I'm Back,

Neither drivers of trucks #3 or #88 have any problems operating their trucks (Todd & Preston). There are not a lot of people who want to or can be available 24/7 including Holidays from November to April @ \$14.25. Many towns are facing budget woes and are phasing wingman out. For me it was a HUGH help to have that money for mowing and keep all the regular guys and myself on road maintenance.

Sorry about the rambling,  
Jack

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## Highway Report

February/March

The Highway Department continues to cut dead trees and brush along our town roads and by the courthouse. Because of the ground not being frozen for our biggest snow storms this year, we are looking at a large amount of clean-up when spring arrives and stays.

The new 2017 John Deere backhoe arrived on February 22. 63 days after it was ordered. After a lot of consideration I am recommending the sale of our 96 Case backhoe thru Auctions International. I do not believe repairing the trans and mounting a hammer is a good investment for the town.

Two roads, West Pond Lily and Koslowski , did not fare well with the temperature swings this winter. Both roads are beyond a oil & stone repair. I am waiting for bids on Motopave or Blacktop. Oil & stone Bids are coming in for:

Taghkanic road ( CR 8 to Green Acres )

Green Acres ( CR 8 to New Motopave )

North Gold Road, Skiba Road, Siglar Road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

April 2017

The annual Rabies Clinic will be at the Highway Garage on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm. I was at a meeting on Thursday afternoon with FEMA representatives to present information on the cost of the March 15<sup>th</sup> snow storm. Funding may be available due to a state of emergence declared on that day. The wet weather over the past couple of weeks has put our spring road sweeping ahead of schedule and we continue to do shoulder and ditch work thru out town.

The major road work I would suggest this year is:

West Pond Lily Road, Moto Pave and Chip sealing.

Kozlowski Road, Moto Pave and Chip sealing.

Taghkanic Road, CR8 to Marty Road, Chip sealing.

North Gold Road, Chip Sealing.

Green Acres Road, CR8 to North Gold, Chip sealing.

Wilmer Hill, Chip sealing.

I provided a more detailed account of cost via e-mail the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Case Backhoe will be on Auctions International with the bids ending the day before the May meeting. The Board can accept or reject an offer at that meeting.

I am recommending the purchase of a 2017 GMC 3500 4x4 with back rack , amber leds, road temperature sensor, remote led spot light, 9ft municipal plow. This would be purchase under the OSG Municipal Pricing Plan for \$42,852.00 . The 2010 pickup could be sold thru Auction Internatioal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

May 2017

The Highway Department has finished its annual spring sweeping and continues cleaning the shoulders up from our plowing this winter. The Rabies clinic was held at the town garage on May 6<sup>th</sup> with 70 animals attending.

I meet with FEMA representatives on April 26<sup>th</sup> to provide additional information for the March 14<sup>th</sup> snow storm. It was explained to the towns that the state was short of the necessary threshold for reimbursement and that was the reason for gathering more information.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> I attended a Cornell Roads seminar titled "Local Roads done Right ". It focused on Drainage, Base ,Wear Corse and Traffic Sighs.

The 96 Case Backhoe received a high bid of \$11.300 on the Auctions International's Webb site. I recommended accepting the bid.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

June 2017

The Highway Department has completed its first round of roadside mowing and continues with culvert replacement and ditch work. We have hauled in stone, on our many rainy days, for our upcoming projects. On June 7<sup>th</sup> the Department attended our annual OSHA training at the Chatam Fair Grounds. I have requested that AED certification be part of next training.

Clean Up Day will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> this year at the Highway Garage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

July 2017

The Highway Department has completed the second round of road side mowing and has cleaned up after numerous strong thunder storms. Stone has been hauled in for our road projects and improvements to the base of these roads continues.

Under the Shared Services program we received help from Taghkanic with 3 trucks and a roller. We helped Ancram with 2 trucks on 6/8 and 3 trucks on 6/9. We also helped Red Hook with 2 trucks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm



## Highway Report

August 2017

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa Deleeuw and I meet with the representatives from FEMA at the Ichabod Crane Middle School. It was called a " Kick Off Meeting". At this meeting they explain what documentation is necessary to file a claim on the March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> snow storm. The new pick up was delivered on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

With the help of T/O Red Hook's Paver and T/O Taghkanic's Drag Box the roads that will be Oil & Stone are now ready for that work to be done in mid September.

Shared Services this month was T/O Red Hook's Paver, Roller and Truck for 3 days. T/O Taghkanic's Truck for 3 days. T/O Taghkanic's Drag Box and Roller for 5 days. We sent a truck to Ancram for 1 day and a truck to Taghkanic for 1 days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

September 2017

On 9/8 and 9/11 we double chip sealed Marty road, North Gold road, 1250ft of Kozlowski road, 2950ft of Green Acres road and Taghkanic road from the county bridge to the Green Acres intersection. We single chip sealed Wilmer Hill road and the portion of Green Acre road. The single chip sealing was on the Moto Pave projects from 2016. Work continued on Kozlowski road to prepare it and West Pond Lily for Moto Paving later this month.

Under Shared Services we were in Red Hook with 2 trucks for 2 days. We received help for 2 days with 2 trucks from Ancram, 1 truck for 2 days from Pine Plains and from Red Hook, Paver and roller for 1 day and 2 trucks for 3 days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

October 2017

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September we Motopaved West Pond Lily road and Kozlowski road. We did this with help from Pine Plains with 1 truck, Ancram with 2 trucks and Red Hook with 1 truck. All 3 towns helped us on both days.

The cemetery had its annual mowing and we have begun the final road side mowing of the year. Clean up day is on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The 2010 pickup has a high bid of \$12,600 thru Auctions International. I am recommending to the board to accept that bid.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

November 2017

The Town had its clean up day on October 28<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank Rene Deleeuw and Heather Parson for once again helping us out. We are completing the road side mowing and removing leaves from poor drainage areas. We have started removing the many dead tress along our roads. On October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> we paved Green <sup>Hill</sup> Acres road with the help of the town of Red Hook and their paver. We also used the town of Taghkanic's drag box and roller for repairs along Skiba road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm

## Highway Report

December 2017

The Highway Department has been able to continued ditch work on our roads, thanks to the mild start to this winter. We are removing dead trees along our roads as weather allows.

This year we have installed 2000ft of road fabric on Karwacki and West Pond Lily roads. We have double chipped sealed 2.25 miles, Motopaved 1.5 mile and blacktopped .40 miles. We also single chipped sealed the Motopaved projects from last year. ( about 1 mile)

In 2017 the Town purchased a new John Deere Backhoe and a new GMC pick up with plow. They replaced a 96 Case Backhoe and a 2010 Chevy pick up. Both of the replaced pieces of equipment were sold thru Auctions Internatoinal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Gomm