

## Highway Report

January 2020

The Highway Department has handled several Snow/Sleet/Ice events this month. We continue to remove dead trees and cut brush back along our roads. The Department has hauled in sand to mix with the salt that has been delivered. We have repaired pot holes as they appear.

I have interviewed many candidates to fill the opening that I will have in the department this year. I had 3 suitable applicants, but all declined. One revised a higher paying job opportunity and two turned down the job due to our insurance coverage. Bob Coons has agreed to stay on to the end of October IF NEEDED. He made it clear to me that after 46 years of plowing snow on our town roads that this is his LAST WINTER.

Respectively Submitted,

Jack Gomm

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February 2020

The Highway Department used Everhart Tree Service to assist us with mutable large dead trees along our town roads. We rented their bucket truck with operator and saws for 2 days. We have continued to remove dead trees and brush as weather allows.

I recommend the sighing of the Shared Service Agreement with Columbia County Highway. This agreement is for a 5-year period and covers the use of equipment, manpower and property as requested by both departments.

As currently purposed, the 2020 State Budget omitted the Extreme Winter Recovery from its CHIPS funding. Last year Gallatin's amount was \$18,784.21. The roads I am considering for this year CHIPS projects are Benton, Hull and Camp roads.

Respectively Submitted

Jack Gomm

no meeting

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March 2020

The mild winter has allowed us to continue mowing brush and removing dead trees from along our town roads. We have started to build up the shoulders by the intersection of Gallatinville and Sigler road so that the guide rails and signs can be installed. The Highway Departments new employee is Joe Sassu. Joe is an experience CDL driver with background in construction site preparation.

I would like to recommend the purchase of a new John Deere tractor to replace the 1989 Ford tractor. The John Deere 6105E would be equipped with a Tiger 18' over the rail mower, a 60" roadside grass mower and an 8' power broom. It would be purchase under the Sourcewell Purchasing Program (the old NJPA program that we used for the Backhoe) The quote is for \$167,824 for a September delivery.

The Ford Tractor along with its grass mower and power broom and the over the rail mower would be sold using Auctions International.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Gomm



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**Highway Report**

3 messages

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Jack Gomm <gallatinhwy@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 11:11 AM

To: Lisa &lt;gallatinclerk@yahoo.com&gt;

**Highway Report**

June 2020

The Highway Department finished its first round of roadside mowing and will be starting the next round around mid July. Work continues on Snyderville Road and Camp Road, preparing them for Oil & Stone. Now that there is a better understanding on the CHIPS funding for this year, I will have a double chip seal on Snyderville Road and a single chip seal on Camp Road. I plan on having the drainage project at the intersection of Taghkanic and Benton finished by the end of July.

I ask the vendors who supplied the quotes on the new tractor if there were any new incentives that would lower the price. With many of the manufactures being shut down for an extended period of time, there is now a longer waiting period for tractor and equipment. I am postponing my request for a new unit until 2021.

I have received a request to install a Stop sign at the intersection of Green Acres Road and Taghkanic Road. It is currently an uncontrolled intersection. I have asked County Engineer to make a sight visit and then suggest changes if needed.

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Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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John and I are going to do the meeting from the Town Hall at 6 if you want to stop in.

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