

We completed striping crosswalks and traffic arrows in June. We are waiting for Lucas Striping to come in and stripe our center lines and fog lines. The wet weather has not been favorable for striping, consequently he is running behind.

Our new plow truck was ordered from O'Connor Motors on June 11. The projected delivery date is the first week of September. With a little luck, we should have the truck in time to haul winter sand in October.

Our crew spent the last two and a half weeks cutting trees and brush on Taylor Road to open up the right of way. We also cut approximately forty trees in front of homes along the construction area. These trees would have been damaged by the ditching operations.

Project updates. We signed a contract on June 26, 2013, with Pratt & Sons for the Taylor Road project. Their bid was for \$347,153.50. This is significantly less than our original project estimate of \$477,059. Some of the savings are also due to a change in project scope. I will be using these savings to do some paving work on the Garland Road and the Heywood Road. The contractor, Pratt & Sons began work on July 2, 2013. Their proposed schedule has them completing the project before August 1, 2013.

The Robert Street sewer project is out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for July 18, 2013, at 1:00pm, in the Council Chambers. At this time, we have approximately five prospective bidders.

We received four bids on our paving projects. Pike Industries was the low bid at \$120,560.00. This is not a fixed price as the actual amount will be based on our actual tonnage used. The actual cost should be very close to this figure.

Finally, the pump station project at Johnny's Selected Seeds should be ready to begin ordering materials in the next week or so. I plan on doing this project in-house as much as possible. We will have to contract out the electrical work.

Purchase request: In this month's agenda, you will find a request to purchase a hay blower, not to exceed \$10,000.00. In the past, we have rented one when needed from Eagle Rental. At \$130.00 per day for sometimes an hour usage, I feel it would be wise to purchase our own unit. With the stricter erosion control rules that are now in place, we are required to mulch daily any time we cause soil disturbance. Having to send an employee to Waterville to retrieve and return a rental unit can be quite time consuming, not to mention that the rental unit may not always be available. We have a lot of ditching planned on the Garland Road and Heywood Road, before we pave. The project at Johnny's will also disturb most of the field on the north side of the building. Time permitting, we also plan to start rebuilding Wyman Bog Road and further ditching on Taylor Road beyond the current project.

Respectfully submitted by,

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