

We completed hauling and stockpiling our winter sand during October. We hauled in approximately 7600 yards and mixed 400 tons of salt with it. With a normal winter, we should have a couple thousand yards remaining in the spring. Planning long term, thought should be given to constructing a sand building. Having our sand under cover would require less salt or no salt would be needed to prevent the pile from freezing. If the sand remains dry, we would not have to prescreen it before loading trucks in the winter. A final point to consider is that our pile is located on an unpaved surface which allows salt to leach into the ground.

We held our annual Household Hazardous Waste collection on October 18. The weather was great and we had a really good turnout. The final numbers are not in but we did collect less than last year. Thank you to Councilor Nadeau for being our traffic coordinator.

On October 24, 2014, we opened the bids for our sewer and storm water projects. The bids ranged from a high of \$221,590.00 from Manter Construction to a low of \$112,246.39 from Pratt & Sons. We had an original budget figure of \$150,000.00, so we were pleasantly surprised at the results. We awarded the contract to Pratt & Sons and they began work on November 3.

Our new vehicle came in on October 30 and is now in service. The old unit will be put out to bids.

MDOT was here on October 27 to discuss the upcoming project to upgrade the five traffic signals in Winslow. The time table for this project is sometime in 2016.

On October 25, we had a sewer problem on the Augusta Road in the vicinity of Whippers Car Wash. It was discovered that the line was full of sand. After considerable effort, we were able to clear the line. I have been in contact with the owner and am working to resolve his lack of maintenance. We also had Waterville camera the line and discovered it to be in bad shape. Our engineer is presently scheduled to design a replacement for this line to be done in early spring to get ahead of next year's paving by MDOT.

On the equipment side, we should be in good shape for the winter. We replaced a clutch, head gasket, fuel tank, cross members, and EGR cooler in our 2005 GMC at a cost of \$9000. We replaced a clutch and did electrical repairs on our 2003 Volvo at a cost of \$2000. We also need to replace the tires on our 2003 John Deere loader at a cost of \$10,000.

Finally, for the upcoming budget, I am looking at quotes for a fire alarm and security camera system for the public works facility.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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