mEMORANDUM FROM THE

Public Works Director

to: GLENN MICHALOWSKI, Town Manager

from: Randy Cyr, public works director

subject: january 2023, Monthly Report

date: february 2, 2023

**Public Works –** Updates for the month of January:

\**On the job training*/*employees*: Hired new mechanic the end of December/start of January and one employee for PW. Training continues with both new hires. Issues regarding communication via radios they are “truck to truck”. Unable to hear or speak to dispatch and other drivers. Received quotes from Dirigo Wireless and RCM Radio for repair, PW will need a VHF Repeater system. Price includes a

new repeater, filters, antenna, line in the amount of installation, and a FCC application- $10k

 \**Trash Pick Up*: Town Office, Village Street and at the Library each week.

\**Winter Events*- 04JAN- 05JAN: Preparing plow trucks, loader and pickup trucks for upcoming storm ie: fueled up, loaded trucks with salt, DEF fuel and plows on. Crew worked normal hours and called back in for freezing rain 11pm thru the next day @ 3:30pm, 06JAN,07JAN: Salted roads early for morning commute then snow started 10am, salted throughout the day thru midnight one truck broke down T-212.

15JAN-17JAN: Dispatch called the foreman for light snow starting to come down @ 5:40 pm Sunday 1-15-2023, remaining crew was called in. Storm was more sleet and freezing rain, didn't get much snow so PW had to use a lot of salt. Roads were building up with ice the entire storm, PW crew did an awesome job taking care of the roads, Employees arrived Sunday around 6:15pm, thru Tuesday morning around 2:30 am.

22JAN-23JAN: Dispatch called foreman @ 7:55 pm Sunday 1-22-23, received about 12 inches of snow, Most of the crew left around 11:00pm and 12:00 am Monday Night 1-23-2023. Following day: Scrape the secondary roads, Plow the top of Memorial Hill, Plow Brook Street parking lot, Worumbo parking lot and clean up the municipal parking lot off of Main St., Also, Plowed Addison St and Pine St again as resident stated it was in need of plowing.

25JAN-26JAN: equipment ready for the storm 1/25 as snow started coming down around 2:30pm 1-25-2023, PW crew remained at work, received about 6 to 9 inches of snow, and after that we received a lot of heavy rain, Had a lot of problems with catch basins clogging up which made cleaning up very difficult.. Following day: clean snow at the Library, clean the catch basins throughout town, Push the snow up at the Municipal parking lot off of Main St. Public Works/Transfer Station access road flooded so following day, dug trench to drain that water off the road

30JAN-31JAN: Dispatch contacted foreman for very light snow coming down around 6:00 pm, however snow wasn't sticking until around 9:30 pm, PW crew called in to salt and plow, short two drivers, snow stopped around 6:30 am Tuesday morning.

\**Dispatch Calls*: Placed barricades for the Police Dept, as a request came in to block off part of Ferry Rd., rebar plowed up in parking lot across from Franks, Plow backed into resident vehicle on Huston Rd. Employee was backing into driveway to turn around and tapped a parked vehicle. PD retrieved vehicle information and completed report.

\* *Deceased animals*: Deer off of Rt. 9

\* *Catch Basins*: 10JAN checked catch basins to prepare for incoming rain

\* *MTM*: Assisted with more work on the ice skating rink

\**Clean up around the shop continues daily/weekly as needed*,

\**Roads*: Repair to the shoulder on Rt. 196 across from Littlefield Rd. (East bound lane), repair of a sewer manhole on Green Street: damaged from plowing, Contacted the Sewer Dept. & they assisted with lowering the manhole and cemented it back in while Public Works paved around it, Filled potholes on Maine St, upland Rd, RT 196 & Village St, Filled pot holes on Main St next to the cemetery, Salted Forbs Rd and Sparsum St, Sand all the dirt roads after storm on 1/17, Repair a stop sign on Brook St.,

\**Residents:* concerns regarding sidewalks: Crosswalks on Main St., upper Main St., High St, (snow blown into dryer vent) & two issues on Lisbon St. Contacted 4Seasons. Resident on Wing St. concern regarding plow tearing up lawn from pushing snow back, and two mailboxes on Summer St and Park St. during a storm,

\**Village St/ McCarthy Park/Main:* Snow removal signs were placed on both sides of Main St 1/30 in preparation for removal: Main St, from Rt.196 to Union St, completed one side from Union to School St., shoveled the sidewalks, around the light polls and the signs on Main St.

\* *PM’s ETC*- New tractor trailer delivered for the Transfer Station December, however it needed a hydraulic system installed properly. Returned and picked truck up in Jan, Cleaning out and hosing off salt from vehicles/trucks weekly, repair steps & wiper blades on T-221, Replaced plow blade on T-212, Screen winter sand, and preparation for storm 19JAN: Fuel, calcium, and salt placed in trucks, T-223 in need of repair as it will not start