

Highway Report

1/20/2026

We have had a busy month. We had 3 major ice events in late December which used more salt, sand and labor than we had anticipated. We have also had a good amount of snow on the weekends at the end of the year which meant we had more overtime than usual at the very end of the year. We also have put a total of \$3,636.00 into the wood boiler system in the last two months and have had one overhead door repaired for \$1,475.85. They were both emergency fixes that totaled \$5,111.85. That is 25% of our annual budget for garage and pit.

Our trucks were all up and running as of today with no major issues. Our backhoe is having transmission problems and will have to go to John Deere for diagnostics, pressure test its hydraulic pumps and electrical etc.

We are still progressing well with our FEMA projects. We have another meeting with them tomorrow.

We still have an issue with the balance sheet for December DA5120.4 Bridges Contractual \$6,720.00 still has not been moved to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual making it look like I was over on that account when I was not. Board approved moving that money 2-3 months ago. There should actually be \$1,302.47 left in that account after balancing all Contractual Hwy accounts. The balance should be \$357.25. That is if you put the \$1,185.08 fuel reimbursement check back in to HWY account where it got paid from. There should also be \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 left on hwy payroll account.

After checking all my accounts and math, I noticed that the hospital and medical account was over by \$24,493.12 acct DA9060.8. This is not something I have any control over. Also, on the General side, acct A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance was over by \$10,167.88 that I also do not have control over.

So it looks like to me that the Health and Medical Insurance accounts went over budget by a total of \$34,661.00. That is an issue with budgeting and should be addressed. I realize the Highway used most of our budget this year but it was needed to keep our roads safe and our Town Barn heated.

I would like to thank the men for another safe and productive month.

Richard Meilleur
Highway Superintendent