

Town Highway Report for December

1/10/2022

This last month we have had a little snow to deal with but most of or plowing has been sanding for freezing rain. The trucks are holding together for the most part but we did have to get 212 towed up to Utica for a regen issue. It was repaired in good season and back but we had to drive it up again to repair for another related problem. We also have been dealing with beaver problems as needed and are trying to start cleaning and organizing the shop as we have time.

As of the last week in December we have a full crew with Chris VanDewerker joining us and he is a good addition to our work force.

Since the last board meeting I have been looking into a replacement tractor for the 2005 Cub Cadet that we currently use to sweep roads, chip brush, pull the shim paver, and brush hog the dump and Ryerson field. I contacted six dealerships to get a quote for what I was looking for, (a tractor around 75 horsepower with bucket, front broom and three point offset flail mower) but only one dealer has provided us with a quote. The bottom line is higher than I anticipated due to the front mount three point hitch and pto (item 5). However this option does open a number of doors for versatility as there are any number of attachments that could be added without sacrificing the use of the rear of the tractor. In short I think that what they are offering will more than meet our need and it is listed under the sorcewell bid contract. This makes it simple if we want to purchase it as three bids are not needed. So do I have the okay to pursue this tractor with the understanding that the final payment for it will come from our \$108,000+ roll over funds in chips.

Lastly we need to begin the process of replacing our 209 Volvo before it gets much worse and becomes unfit for service. We also should keep in mind that the lead time needed for a truck is over a year and may get worse before it gets better.

Thank you Jeff Brown

Expenditures buy account code for this month

DA5 110.4 \$2,425.17	DA5130.2 \$2,780.64
DA5130.3 \$1,329.28	DA5142.4 \$7,533.62