

MANAGER'S REPORT
March 11, 2021

Road Project – We should have the second year road project out for bid this coming week and will be bringing the results to the Council in April for approval.

Fishing Pier – Bids on the fishing pier project will be opened on March 26th and those will also be presented to the Council in April.

Stimulus Funding – The most recent projections for stimulus funding that will be distributed as part of the most recent package show that Bucksport would get approximately \$490,000. We will wait to see what the parameters are for use of these funds.

Equipment Issues – A hydraulic leak has been identified in the fire department ladder truck during its annual inspection and ambulance 3 is currently out of service with a motor issue. I will keep you updated if either or both of these repairs are outside of our operating budget capacity.

Tax Due Date, etc – A reminder that the second half of 20-21 property taxes are due by March 31st to avoid interest. With three more weeks to go before tax due date, we have collected 65% of the total taxes due for the year. I am also pleased to note that we have collected 75% of our motor vehicle excise revenue estimation through 70% of the fiscal year. We had upped that amount in our estimated revenues last year from \$850,000 to \$900,000 and it appears that we will exceed that as well. In addition, we have already received \$379,000 in State Revenue Sharing and our budget estimate for that this year was \$375,000 so we have three more months to add to that as well. Through 70% of the year we have also collected 83% of our estimated revenue for ambulance fees. Motor vehicle excise, ambulance fees, and state revenue sharing are the largest revenue sources for the Town beyond property taxes. These numbers are good indicators for us – and pretty amazing considering that we have been operating in a pandemic environment for the past year.