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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council June 2022

We started the month of June off by sending the crew to the annual Public Works show in Skowhegan. This is the first time the show is held in three years. The guys get a chance to participate in short training sessions as well in friendly equipment operator competitions. They also get a free lunch and a chance at dozens of door prizes.

Our Benton Avenue project is almost complete. A small amount of paving remains and should be completed this week. The only remaining work is landscaping and striping. Pike should be done by mid-July. It may be premature to make this prediction, but with all the current invoices paid on this project, we may have some funds remaining when the project is complete.

All of our road striping has been completed, both by our contractor and our in-house crew. The only remaining striping for our crew is the Town Office parking lot when the second layer of pavement is installed.

Our contracted sewer work on Lee Street and Beck Street is completed. The next phase is to excavate and rebase these streets in preparation for paving.

On June 30, we opened our paving bids and were pleasantly surprised. Our winning bid came from Pike Industries. The costs went up \$10.00 per ton on base material and \$12.00 per ton on surface material. The initial numbers I saw in the spring were in the area of \$35.00 to \$40.00 per ton increases. These numbers should allow us to do most of our original work, and maybe a little extra if the Benton Avenue funds are available.

We have signed a contract with Len Poulin for winter sand for the upcoming season. This represents a \$0.60 increase from last year. We plan on stockpiling 4000 yards this fall. If our two new trucks arrive on time, we maybe be able to avoid hiring trucks for the winter sand, offsetting the price increase.

We were able to assist the Ft. Halifax volunteers with installing a new flag pole. I was able to get Wiswell Electric to donate their auger truck to drill the hole and my crew poured the concrete. We later delivered the pole to Ft. Halifax and Ray Caron's crew did the erection.

We will be commencing the ditching and culvert replacement on the North Reynolds Road on July 11. We should be ready to reclaim by early August.

Finally, in closing, we were informed by Sen. King's office that our request for \$2,000,000 for the Sunset Heights project has been included in his request to Congress. This is great news for this project.

Respectfully submitted by,
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