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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council September 2023

Our crews have completed ditching and replacing culverts on both the Nowell Road and the Shorey Road. Pike Industries has reclaimed and graded both roads and we are awaiting their return with pavement. Many of the cross culverts we replaced were quite deep, therefore, we are only installing the base layer this year. We will install the surface layer in the spring. This will allow us to shim areas that may settle over the winter.

We had gotten a late start on roadside mowing but we managed to get all the roads done with at least two passes and many places got three passes.

Despite the rainy weather and manpower shortage, we were able to complete most of our project list for this season. At present, the crew is hauling winter sand, which should take until the third week of October. Once that is done, we will continue working on our project list. Some of the items include installing a wider shoulder on the Roderick Road for the residents in those developments, We also have three cross culverts that need to be paved, the Morrill Road, the Abbott Road, and Veteran's Drive.

We have a new Public Works employee starting on October 10. His name is Randy Kitchin and he will be a Truck Driver. We are now at full roster. This should put us in decent shape for the winter.

On the subject of snow plowing, we have taken delivery of our newest plow truck, a 2024 Western Star wheeler that replaces a 2008 Sterling that had been less than dependable. Thank you to the Town Council for their continued support.

On September 21, 2023, our Public Works crew assisted the Town of Albion in patching a portion of the Foss Hill Road. This road is somewhat unique in that the road is in Albion but the residences are all in Winslow. Therefore, the Council decided to help the Winslow residents by assisting Albion with some patching.

Finally, in closing, a quick note that our contractor has started the storm drain project on the China Road and the Cushman Road. They will be working in this area this fall until winter shuts

them down. All efforts will be made to maintain traffic and minimize disruptions to the local businesses, but it is a large project with large pipe and it will be disruptive.

Respectfully submitted by,
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