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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2017

The beginning of January included 4 events that our crews were needed to salt the roads. January 2, 6, 7 and 11 had our trucks out applying salt. None of these events required us to plow which is a huge savings in time and damage to our plows and trucks. Needless to say the first 2 weeks were spent getting ready for winter weather or cleaning and checking trucks and equipment after the weather passed.

The second half of January gave us a break from winter weather and we had a stretch of mild days with little precipitation. During this time we could utilize our crews to get some maintenance work done throughout the township. We had a crew trimming trees in the Vineyards section of the township. We left off here last year and started back where we left off. The trees had grown outward into the road to a point where it was difficult to plow curb to curb and street sweeping was almost impossible to do properly in that area. As we finish up that area we will move to another area as weather permits. Pothole patching is always a time consuming project and after the moisture gets into the roads the holes pop up almost every day.

We also started traffic sign replacement in the College View and Gradwhal section of the township. In addition, we had a crew do routine inspection of our numerous detention ponds throughout the township. This gives us an idea of the work that will be needed in these areas in the spring.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 628 visits for the month. Most of these visits were Christmas tree drop offs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Public Works