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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2018

The strange fall weather continued into January where we had a roller coaster with temperatures. The very cold spell that we had at the start of the month had a low of 0 degrees on the 7th and by the 12th we recorded a high of 65 degrees. These temperature swings contribute to many water main breaks throughout the valley. Winter weather was also recorded on the 5th, 8th and 17th where our crews were needed to salt the roadways. These were small events that did not require plowing. However, these events did require the use of a good amount of salt. The temperature swings also contributed to pothole formation. We had a pothole patch crew out multiple times to keep up with this condition.

The warm fall that kept the leaves on the trees required us to continue leaf collection into January. In between snow events we tried to cover the township one last time to pick up leaves. This is the latest that we have ever collected leaves since the program started in the early 1990's.

We did have a crew dismantle the play equipment at Comer Park in anticipation of the new equipment being installed in the spring.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 561 visits for the month. Most of these visits were Christmas tree drop offs.

Respectfully submitted,

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