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Monthly Report:

For a second month we concentrated on drag box paving.



The roads we have repaired this past month and tonnage are:

*Overlook using 162 tons.
Deer Track using 48 tons.
Underhill using 238 tons.
Black Grocery 80 tons.*

(Picture shows the drag box operation, shown are Jeremy Holdridge, Michael Bradway and Bob Riegel)

In addition to the drag box paving for ourselves, our crew, 6 men, 2 ten wheelers, drag box, and roller, paved Roche Drive in the town of Ancram. We expended one and a half days assisting the Ancram Highway Department on this project. We also spent a half day of joint OSHA training with Ancram Highway.

We helped the Hillsdale Highway Department setup for the Hillsdale Community Day. The town of Copake lent Hillsdale the band stand, picnic tables and barricade fencing.

Following the July 17th thunderstorms we employed the Busy Beaver Tree Removal co. to remove several large damaged trees. Additionally we worked with NYSEG and their aerial truck to remove trees in danger of damaging power lines.

We completed hauling the stone we will use next week for oil and stone applications. The roads that we will seal were swept clean of any loose material in preparation.

On Black Grocery rd. we replaced a culvert pipe. On Camp Hill rd. we also completed culvert work.

We spent 1 1/2 days with the excavator and grader on Van de Carr rd. doing drainage work.

Roadside mowing operations continue.

The wing plows were moved to the park for the summer program to decorate. They are currently on display.

We are now collecting steel for recycling in a roll off container.



Another 1 ½ days were spent doing sign work.

(Picture shows Michael Bradway and Tim Albright driving a sign post base with our post pounder.)

It was another busy month supporting the rest of the town departments:

Copake Police Department:

6 hours servicing two police cars.

1.5 hours repairing strobe lights.

Community Rescue:

3 hours replacing sway bar links and changing a spare tire.

Copake Fire Company:

10 hours diagnosing an air leak and replacing an air valve, the ladder truck was disabled at the Copake Park on the weekend of July 23rd.

Craryville Fire Company:

4 hours repairing burned out electrical components on a truck.

Copake Park:

2 hours to clean grease trap in kitchen and repair sink in the restroom.

6 hours repairing the dugout roof (damaged during the severe storm on July 17th)

Many long hours were spent by both me and councilman Sacks reviewing the financial data supplied by the NY State Comptroller's office. This data includes budget details for all 18 towns in our county. As there is a enormous amount information to sort more time will be needed before we come to any concrete conclusions.

The last three months of Highway Department reports are available on the Town website.

