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Monthly Report:

Of course the most important event during the time period February 11th through March 15th was the ice storm of March 6th-7th. Copake along with our neighboring towns suffered from extensive tree damage, flooded roads and power outages.



Ice covered trees and power lines on Lakeview Rd.

This was a long duration event starting with heavy rain, turning to freezing rain, turning to sleet, turning to snow and ending as rain. The heavy ice accumulation caused many trees and power lines to fall into the roadways. The downed power lines made our job extremely dangerous. To be able to plow and sand the roads we needed to first remove numerous trees. Where utility lines were involved we were unable remove the trees or sand the roads until assured by NYSEG employees the lines were deenergized. This left many areas inaccessible for hours and in several spots more than a day.

Just as this ice storm is the most important event during the past month I expect the cleanup will extend into the next several months. I hope our residents realize the magnitude of the damage and will be patient with the cleanup process. The approaching spring leads us into possibly our busiest time of the year for road maintenance.

In addition to the icy roads and downed trees we were simultaneously dealing the flooded roads. The combination of intense rain and the melting of the deep snow pack caused streams and drainage ditches to flood over several roads.



Railroad Lane was one of several roads that were flooded.

As well as the ice storm we conducted snow and ice removal operations six additional times during this time frame.

Many hours were spent on servicing equipment. The following equipment was serviced:

- 2001 Triaxle dump truck*
- 1999 tandem axle plow/dump truck*
- 2009 single axle plow/dump truck*
- 1994 dump truck*
- 1989 950 Cat loader*
- 1996 Cat backhoe*
- John Deere mower for the Park*

Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided included:

- Assist Copake and Craryville Fire Companies with sanding at fire scenes*
- Continued maintenance of the Park ice rink*
- Move pews from storage to the Copake Falls Museum*
- Install new paper towel dispensers in all the town buildings*
- Install new O2 sensors in the town car taking 5 hours*

Copake Police Department:

- Service and make repairs on four cars totaling 11 hours*

Copake Fire Company:

- Make repairs to onboard generator and install charger for camera totally 4 hours*

