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Monthly report:

Our emphasis this past month has been cleaning ditches, grading, graveling and applying liquid calcium to our dirt roads. We have completed the majority but we will need about another week to complete. As we have cleaned debris from the ditches we have continued to clean up around the garage by dumping this material and leveling otherwise unusable areas of our property.

When the construction season gets underway we will oil and stone Weed Mine, Empire and a portion of Snyder Pond. I am also looking at options for Yonderview. Of course this is contingent on the State passing the budget and releasing the CHIPS funding.

In addition to our road work:

- 1. We purchased and installed an additional fire extinguisher and cabinet for the meeting room.*
- 2. Cut the brush and dead trees on the property where the hamlet sign opposite Ruges is located.*
- 3. Installed shelves in the concession stand at the park.*
- 4. We cut and removed the blacktop around the elm tree in front of Key Bank. Although on a county I feel as though the tree is an important asset to our community. The work was done with approval from Key Bank and the County Highway Department. To further protect the tree I have gotten permission from Key Bank and the County to seek a no parking zone in the area. Tal Rappleya has explained that this is a simple process requiring the passage of a local law.*
- 5. We worked on Fire Company trucks and equipment totaling approximately 12 hours.*
- 6. We repaired the door and replaced the cork board on the bulletin board opposite the town clock. We also cut the weeds and picked up the trash surrounding it.*

Clean up day is May 22. In the past the time was 9am to noon, this year we will start at 8am.

I have submitted the highway equipment list and the miscellaneous property list for the year 2010.

As I stated in a recent email to all the Council members I have started working on next year's budget. We will be faced with some hard decisions dealing with equipment, personnel and benefits. I am asking the Board to assign a member to be a liaison between the Highway Department and the rest of the Councilpersons for this purpose. Councilwoman Gabaccia has indicated to me that she is interested and I would be happy to work with her with the Boards approval.

