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Monthly Report:

This past month we have hauled into stockpile the sand that we expect to use during this winter season. The towns of Hillsdale and Ancram provided us with man power and trucks to assist us in hauling the material. We in turn provided the same.

We have begun cleaning leaves from culvert pipes and road side ditches. We use our truck mounted leaf vacuum to pick up accumulated leaves in these areas. This is important to prevent sticks and leaves from possibly blocking drainage pipes. A blocked pipe could result in expensive roadside washouts. Additionally a blocked pipe may need to be excavated and replaced incurring more preventable costs.

In areas that have accumulated dirt or other debris we use our excavator to keep ditches and drainage areas open.

Sections of Camp Hill and Valley View roads were graded and graveled to remove potholes. Many of our other gravel roads were pothole patched by hand.

We removed topsoil and graveled the driveway leading to the recently acquired fire suppression pond behind Peck Insurance. This will allow better access to the pond for the Fire Company. Our department also made repairs to one of the hydrants.

One day was spent working with NYSEG's tree removal crew taking down a large tree on Maple Street. The tree was the cause of power interruptions as well as a hazard to pedestrians and motorists.

The Highway Departments of Hillsdale and Copake assisted the Taconic Hills School District in enlarging the parking lot at the school swimming pool entrance. We provided a truck and grader, Hillsdale provided a truck and loader.

Other inter-department assistance that the Highway Department provided included:

Copake Fire Company: 8 hours welding the water storage tank on truck 14-3.

Community Rescue Squad: 3 hours servicing the stand by generator and 4 ½ hours servicing, changing tires and making steering component repairs on 303.

Copake Police Department: 2 hours diagnosing and making repairs for a check engine light on

7c74.

Our department assisted the park in setting up the Haunted House. We moved the props from storage in the West Copake fire house, as well as set up the “walls” in the park building.



The “walls” of the haunted house are plastic sheeting hung from steel rods that are suspended from hooks in the ceiling. Each year the configuration of the rooms change requiring an adjustable system.

We spent two days in preparation and one day with the take down and restoring of props into storage.