

# ***Town of Copake Highway Department***

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## **Monthly Report:**

**This past month we completed this year's drag box operations. We finished on Farm Road and Mountain View Street. This narrow strip of blacktop along the shoulder of the road serves to protect and repair the edge of the road. If damage to the shoulder is left unrepaired the erosion of the blacktop would continue into the driving lanes requiring more expensive repair techniques.**

**We have completed additional culvert replacements. On Overlook, Underhill and High Meadow Roads we replaced pipes measuring 3 feet in diameter. These pipes are very important in carrying major runoff water during heavy rains. Pipes on Birch Hill and Valley View were also replaced.**



Sadly, for safety reasons the maple tree at the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society Museum in Copake Falls had to be removed. The Haupt Tree Co. assisted our department with the removal.

**We finished picking up the loose stone on the roads that were chip sealed. Although these stones measuring 1/4 inch in diameter are too dirty to reuse in the sealing process we have stockpiled these to mix with our snow removal sand, therefore reducing the amount of sand we will have to purchase.**

**Our department again assisted the towns of Hillsdale and Ancram; we provided trucks and manpower during their oil and stone and paving operations.**

**After a very dry summer that allowed us to concentrate on road work we took advantage of a rainy month to catch up on some equipment repair work. In addition to repairs we setup our two four wheel drive plow trucks in anticipation for the approaching winter. We also setup the truck used with the leaf vacuum to clean leaves from ditches and culverts.**

**We have made several repairs to the highway garage furnace. These repairs combined with a satisfactory inspection report from our insurance company lead me to believe the furnace is not in imminent danger of failure. I am presently communicating with DEC to work out the proper procedure to replace our underground fuel storage tank.**

**In addition to our road work we assisted the following departments:**

**Copake Fire Company: 3 hrs repairing the water pump on 14-3, 3 hours servicing 14-8, and 2 hours diagnosing and making electrical repairs to 14-1.**



We cleaned out accumulated debris from the pond on Center Hill Road for the Fire Co. These ponds with dry hydrants are important to the fire company to maintain public safety. The hydrant in this pond was unusable until we dugout the material covering the intake pipe.

**Roeliff Jansen Historical Society Museum: we moved pews from West Copake and set them up in the museum.**

**Park/Park building: we made electrical repairs to the park mower, changed light ballasts in the building and did minor plumbing repairs.**

**Town Hall: we took down the Hamlet banners around town and hung them in the meeting room, we worked on improving the volume of the speakers in the meeting room, we cleaned out the rain gutters and pressure washed the exterior of the building.**