

December has been mostly about snow and ice control. We had a couple of extended snow storms that had the crew out the better part of 24 hours. Our equipment has been holding up well with the normal issues like cutting edges and lights. It has been challenging at times since one of my mechanics, Ron Reny, has been out on extended sick leave since November 26, 2012. It is anticipated that he will be able to return after January 16, 2013.

As you know, my part time administrative assistant, Paula Grenier, has resigned. I am presently drafting job responsibilities for her position so I can hire a replacement. Having someone in our office is very helpful in doing payroll, project cost tracking, fuel reports, phone answering, and generally having a friendly face available when the public comes in with concerns.

I have submitted my initial budget requests to Mike. I am still working on estimates for some PW projects.

I am still in the process of completing the camera inspection of our sewer interceptor line between Lithgow Street and our main pump station. Progress is slow when you are dealing with the railroad company.

Lastly, Dirigo Engineering has completed preliminary plans for Taylor Road. I will be reviewing them on January 9, 2013. I hope to have them for presentation to the council on Monday, January 14, 2013. If all goes well, we will then have a public meeting for the affected residents to get their comments.