

**Date:** November 12, 2010

**To:** Mayor and Council Members

**From:** John Archocosky, Manager

**RE:** Monthly Activity Report

With the smaller crew size in the DPW, it has taken us longer than in past years to complete our fall tasks and begin preparing for winter activities. The unusually warm weather however, has given us time to complete the leaf and brush pickup and to flush the hydrants which we normally would have completed earlier this fall. We are still in the process of removing the remaining leaves from the City parks and other property and hopefully will be able to finish before the snow arrives. As soon as time permits, the crew will begin removing the light pole banners and putting up the Christmas lights.

Two of the City's storage buildings sustained some roof damage during the last wind storm. I am in the process of securing quotes to replace the damaged areas of both roofs. The City's insurance will cover all but the \$500 deductible, but I am concerned that the timing of the repair work will fall during the upcoming hunting season. Although these buildings do not house any of the City's road equipment, we do store the Christmas decorations and signs in one of them. As soon as we receive the quotes I will move forward with the repairs.

We have been working to finalize the last few details on the Rural Development Loan/Grant program. The City will soon be receiving a new plow truck, along with two new tailgate sand spreaders, and a plow for the small street broom. With this smaller plow attachment, the crew will be able to plow the sidewalks in the business district when time permits. Hopefully, this will be of some help to our businesses when we receive an unusual amount of snow. In addition to the snow removal equipment, the City has received funding for security cameras and associated equipment. This equipment will be used to monitor areas of the City that seem to have higher incidences of vandalism such as our parks and various parking lots. This equipment allows the Police Department to monitor these areas in real time.

The results of the recent midterm elections may have an impact on the projects that the City has been developing such as the Central School Apartments. Also, the new Legislature will be facing the issue of cutting the State's Budget which will likely affect the Revenue Sharing Funds cities currently receives. I hope to be able to meet soon with the newly elected representatives from our district to get their perspective of what the future holds for such projects.