

Richard E Hobus  
Dresden Highway Superintendent

Dear Dresden Resident(s),

I am sending this letter to inform you of our towns progress during my first term as your Highway Superintendent. Below, you will find information regarding town liabilities community & shared services, road maintenance, projects, materials, repairs and equipment purchases.

Working hard to ensure safety and reduce liability to our town, is one of my main goals. One major change involved the snow & ice removal policy. We also built a Grizzly - sand screen to eliminate workers climbing on top of the trucks to knock off frozen material.

One of our projects was completed as a result of free labor and materials. Using community service hours and mostly roadside trees for lumber, we built our woodshed. Although not erected, we have all of the materials (Post, Trusses & Metal Roofing) to build a 26X40 pole barn for equipment storage.

We have continued good working relationships with many levels of shared services on state, county and town levels. Because of damages caused by Tropical Storm Irene, I'm presently going through the process to obtain government assistance through FEMA. Supplemental funding is needed to replace and repair Bridge T14 and for other road and bridge repairs caused by Irene.

Since day one, I have been diligent on staying up to date regarding any new methods and most cost efficient means of road maintenance, and will continue to do so. Throughout the town, we continue updating roads, upgrading drainage issues, and implementing repairs based on urgency, priority and needs. One change I'm pleased with is the use of crushed aggregate stone for shoulder repair. Gravel being round tends to wash away with the rain. The last four miles of roads paved have held up. In fact, we have not had to repair any of these aggregate shoulders.

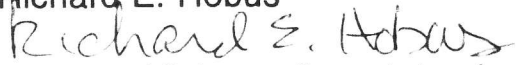
Some of the equipment purchased in the past 4 years are:

1. 6' Brush Hog Drag Box
2. Woodchuck Tree & Brush Chipper
3. Hyster Vibratory Roller
4. 1996 6x4 Tandem International - Wing & Plow
5. 2010 Ford F450 Crew Cab - Snow Plow & Sander
6. Brand New 2011 624K John Deere Wheel Loader ( Purchased before Federal emissions standard changes, saving the town between 10 to 15 thousand dollars )

In closing, I would like to thank you for your confidence in my abilities and your continued support. I will strive to keep working through tough financial times with continued forward progress in Dresden. I have truly enjoyed serving our town.

Sincerely Yours,

Richard E. Hobus

  
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