

Windemere Township Road Report

January 2023

- 1) Valhalla Tree Service has completed the initial clearing of over-hanging trees and dangerous trees along all township roads. Additional township road R.O.W. tree clear will need to be done in the spring once the snow melts. Due to the December 13 through December 16, 2022 major weather event, the township has incurred \$41,867.39 in tree debris removal claims thus far.

January 2023 - Sandberg Construction \$14,260.00

January 2023 - Gobel Excavating \$765.00

January 2023 - Valhalla Tree Service \$5850.00

January 2023 - Scott Danelski (Rental) \$1472.50

January 2023 - Joe Mohelsky \$220.88

January 2023 - Jake Disterhaupt \$127.38

January 2023 - John Danelski \$162.00

January 2023 - Kade Danelski \$200.75

January 2023 - Zach Danelski \$193.88

February 2021 - Valhalla Tree Service \$17,475.00

- 2) On January 31, 2023 under authority of Minnesota Statute 12B.25 Subdivision 1, Governor Walz declared a State Disaster (# 2023-SD-070) from the major weather event that occurred December 13th through December 16th, 2022 due to the heavy snow and high winds. The counties included in the State Disaster are Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lincoln, Pine, & St Louis. An approximate estimate of \$100,000.00 was submitted to DPS/Homeland Security & Emergency Management to clear Windemere Township roads and R.O.W.s of tree debris. State Disaster (# 2023-SD-070) allows Windemere Township to be eligible for reimbursement of 75% of all costs incurred for the removal of the tree debris from our road R.O.W.s due to the major weather event.

- 3) I solicited five engineering firms for quotes to conduct a road sign inventory for Windemere Township. Recommend the Board hire one of the firms to conduct the road sign inventory. Quotes are list below:

JPJ Engineering, Inc - \$5600.00

MSA Professional Services, Inc - \$7200.00

Straightline Surveying - \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00

Short-Elliot Hendrickson, Inc - No Bid

Erickson Engineering - No Bid

- 4) A Request for Quote bid sheet has been compiled for equipment rental for the up-coming construction season for Windemere Township's road maintenance. I suggest we solicit contractors and post a pre-bid meeting sometime during the week of February 13th through February 17th, 2023 and then post the bid solicitation which then can be opened at the March 9th, 2023 regular monthly Board meeting.

- 5) Total cost of the new vendor model for snow-plowing is currently at \$95,800.00 (November 2022 through February 2023)

November 2022 - Qty-62.5 Hours @ \$12,500.00

December 2022 - Qty-166 Hours @ \$33,200.00

January 2023 - Qty-155 Hours @ \$31,000.00

February 2023 - Qty-95.5 Hours @ \$19,100.00

Total 2022/2023 Snow Season Qty-479 Hours @ \$95,800.00

- 6) Still recommend some sort of tracking and/or logging of our vendor's movements while conducting work on the township roads (Ex: Snow-Plowing or Grading), which would provide the township has a better means of tracking and verifying all hours a vendor is spending maintaining our roads.

- 7) The "Dead-End" road sign for township road T-756 has been stolen and the land-owner at the end of the road is requesting it to be replaced. I have located a "Dead-End" road sign in the shop and request permission to replace the stolen sign. Township Road T-756 is located at the intersection of Dago Lake and Dobosenski Roads.

- 8) The township received (15) concerns or complaints regarding the condition of the township roads in January 2023. All concerned citizens were contacted and all issues were resolved.