

## Season's Greetings

The final population estimate for the Town of Bradford on January 1, 2016 was 1,048. The Town levy portion of the property tax bill of the residents of the Town of Bradford is \$3.41 per thousand of assessed value out of the total tax of \$22.48 per thousand of assessed value for the Clinton School District and \$19.62 per thousand of assessed value for the Delavan Darien School District. This is the amount within which the Town must function. Town road maintenance and reconstruction consumes the bulk of this fund. A variety of techniques are being used to stretch these monies to produce strong and long lasting results. Fire District/EMS Protection for 2017 costs the Town \$100,885.29.

The Town board continues to follow the adopted policy of doing maintenance projects (which are less costly than reconstruction) one year and carrying over some funds to the following year to afford stronger, longer lasting reconstruction action. The year 2016 was a reconstruction year along with maintenance.

The following projects were performed:

1. Avalon Road from Hwy 140 to the Railroad tracks was reconstructed. Gavilon paid half of the total reconstruction cost.
2. Ditching, tree trimming & erosion control was done on Emerald Grove Road North of Maple Lane Road before it was repaved. The City of Beloit contributed towards half of the repaving cost.
3. Paver patching was done on Waite Road & Emerald Grove Road North of Hwy 14.
4. The Town Board continues to work with Ben Coopman, Director of Public Works for Rock County for the replacement of the wooden bridge on Creek Road as a Federal Bridge Project which we do have a signed agreement in place. We have applied for federal funding for the replacement of the Emerald Grove Bridge. Carvers Rock Bridge over Turtle Creek will be reconstructed over the summer in 2017.
5. The following roads received crack filling: Avalon Road-from the Town line to the railroad tracks, Carvers Rock Road-from Creek Road to Bradford Townline Road, O'Riley Road/Hoffstrom-from Railroad tracks to pavement change, O'Riley Road-from Creek Road to Bradford Town Hall Road, Bradford Town Hall Road-from Trescher Road to O'Riley Road, and Trescher Road-from Hwy 14 to Bradford Town Hall Road.
6. The following roads were chip sealed: Odling Road-from Bradford Town Hall Road to pavement change and O'Riley Road-from Railroad tracks to the curve.
7. Missing and defective signs are being replaced on an ongoing basis voluntarily by Town Board members.
8. Culverts were replaced on Carvers Rock Road, North of the Town Hall, on Waite Road at Hwy 140 and we had the culvert on Town Hall road removed. Culvert extension was added on the West end of the current culvert on Odling road and Bradford Town Hall road.
9. Shouldering & garbage pick-up in the ditches was done with the help from the weekenders, who Jill Bier organizes & sets-up a work schedule.

A lot of work (pot hole filling, erosion control, signs, tree/brush trimming, cutting and hauling away downed trees in the road & numerous tires & furniture pick-up is done voluntarily by Town Board members: Sharon Douglas, Sandra Clarke, Jill Bier, Robert Broege, Andy Rye, Ron Duffy, and Ben Wellnitz. A special **"THANK YOU"** goes out to the volunteers: Bill Clarke, Richard Kuhlow, Bob Bier, Wayne & Sara Douglas, Mick Mulooly, Tom Quall, and Ed Inman, Lucas Hargarten, Art Fish, Ben Wellnitz's family and to anyone else who does something voluntarily for the good of our township. Without your help many things would have to be paid for by the taxpayers in the township.

The winter season is here and caution is advised. Most class B roads have 45 mph limits and slower is even better in extreme conditions.

Thank you to all the poll workers, who put so much time and effort into the many training sessions and working at the polls this year & for making the elections run so smoothly.