**Department Reports**

**Starting December 1st, 2022**

**Public Works Department – Submitted by John Barnekow, Foreman**

**Road Maintenance**

* The contractor started to harvest the trees on Starwood Road, Eller Lane, and Silver Birch Road.
* We used the Cat skid steer with mulcher to mulch the branches from the trees that were harvested by the contractor on Starwood Road, Eller Lane, and Silver Birch Road.
* We had to plow and sand multiple times this month including during weekends and after regular workday hours.
* We had to scrape ice and hard pack snow off of some of the roads with the Cat Motor Grader because of the rain, warm weather, traffic, and then freezing temperatures had created ruts in the road.

**Signs**

* We have been ordering and installing new fire numbers and private road street signs.

**Town Equipment Maintenance**

* We had to remove the underbody blade of the 2003 Sterling dump truck and reweld the mounts for the hydraulic cylinders that rotate the blade. After the welding was complete, we reinstalled the underbody blade and fixed some hydraulic line leaks on it.
* We had to replace the turbo charger on the motor of the 2003 Sterling dump truck after finding a part on it was broken.
* We fabricated a hitch system to be able to mount the broom (that was previously on the brush tractor that was traded off) to the front of the Cat Wheel Loader that is quick attach.

**Conover Fire Department – Rob Martinson – Fire Chief**

This month we worked on tools in trucks. What compartment they belong in and where to relocate for

better use and availability. The Mini Pumper was completely reorganized to balance out weight in truck.

We were having difficulties with the way the truck handled when driven. Things seem to handle way

better.

**Officer meeting:** 1

**Meeting and training:** 2

**Lift assists:** 8

**Structure fire:** 0

**Wildland fire:** 0

**Mutual Aid:** 1

**CO Alarm:** 1

**Snowmobile Accident:** 1

**Chimney Fire:** 3

**Total calls with meetings:** 17

**Conover Ambulance – Kendra Lederer – Service Director**

New stretcher was ordered, hopefully we will have it by the end of January. We will need to have a mandatory training with the Ambulance and hopefully a good portion of the Fire Dept. so we all know how to use it. Thank you to the town board for approving this, it will be a huge help! Everybody did awesome picking up shifts through the holidays so we were covered.

Still trying to get a definite answer from Nicolet as to whether we will hold a EMT refresher here. There are a few of us coming up for renewal this year for our license so it would be great to get a hands on refresher instead of doing online again.

**Total Runs: 13**

**No-Transports**: 5

**Transports:** 8

**MINUTES - CONOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY December 15, 2022 at Conover Center**

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Jacki Hildebrandt, Jenny Schiddel, Mimi Muehlbach, Carolyn Young, and Kelly

Kraetsch ABSENT: Chris Yerges, Beth Millin, and Ashlee Millin

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTE**S: All were in favor of acceptance of minutes from November 9, 2022

meeting.

**CHAMBER FINANCES**: Reviewed and accepted year to date financial report. Town Board

approved putting room tax referendum on April 2023 ballot for all Conover citizens to make the

decision as to whether we should have a room tax. Continue to watch IRS status page for

updates on our 501c6 application. No grants to apply for currently.

**CHAMBER BOARD &amp; OFFICE**: Chamber office will be closed 12-26, 12-28, and 12-29 for the holidays. Will obtain pricing for a new chair for desk in office.

**MEMBERSHIP**: New member – Headwaters Services. Still researching benefits of joining the

Eagle River Chamber of Commerce.

**NEWSLETTER**: Carolyn gave newsletter statistic report. Discussed ideas for content in the

upcoming newsletter.

**ADVERTISING & amp; PROMOTION**:

**BRANDING**: Action photos needed. Chamber logo needs to be updated yet on our website.

QR code has been acquired and is being used in our advertising.

**VISITOR’S GUIDE**: Ad sales very successful. $8,420.00 in total ad sales compared to $3,238.00

last year. Our Visitor Guide will be 8 pages larger or 32 total pages. Finalizing content. Our

guide will be at Chicagoland Fishing, Travel, &amp; Outdoor Expo 1-26-23 to 1-29-23.

**WEBSITE:** Chain Skimmer events added. Will be adding snowmobile and cross-country ski trail

conditions to website home page when trails open soon.

**FACEBOOK**: Have been sharing and posting our member’s holiday specials and receiving lots of

positive feedback.

**VISITOR CENTER**: Town Property Committee toured the DNR/Info Center building. Structurally

building fine, remediation of lead paint needed, all mechanical systems (HVAC, plumbing,

septic) need addressing, electrical system will require more discovery, location good. Town

attorney reviewed deed, lots of restrictions, committee reaching out to DNR real estate

division. Jacki and Jenny will continue to attend this committee’s meetings.

**TRAVEL WISCONSIN**: Destination Assessment Survey to be researched in future. Obtained

information on joining their Snow Report. Passed information on to Sno-Buddies for

snowmobile trails and to Vilas County Forestry, Rec, and Land for the Pioneer Creek Cross-

Country Ski Trail.

**VCNR ACTION TRACKS**: Printed and available. Excellent Conover coverage in publication.

**5 STAR UP NORTH ACTIO**N: Ad and article in December/January issue. Reviewed and discussed

their proposal and contract and will decide on how to proceed at our January board meeting.

Jacki will forward Conover information to 5 Star before their issues are published in 2023.

**CONOVER SIGNS**: Utility bills have been changed to Town of Conover. Discussed Blizzard Blast

sign wrap. Will discuss our sign plan for 2023 at our January board meeting. Will request Town

Property Committee add signs to their January 2023 meeting agenda.

**EVENTS**

Toy Drive was a success. 50+ toys donated.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**: Town Sledding Party 12-30-2022 and Chamber is helping with marketing,

CSB Poker Run, CSB Trailside Roast 1-14-2023.

**VILAS COUNTY TOURISM &amp; CHAMBER**: Discussed Vilas Chamber meeting held on 11-10-2022 and 12-8-2022.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Discussed and will pass on purchasing a booth at the Up North Community

Expo in Rhinelander on 3-2-2023.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**: Our next scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at

9:00 a.m. at the Conover Center.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Schiddel, Secretary