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Your community your future

Village Council Meeting March 24, 2013

This winter we are trying to deal with record snow fall in this area. In the last month, our maintenance crew has worked long hours trying to keep the streets clear and start the opening of drainage runs. This has taken a terrible toll on our maintenance staff and equipment. This past week both tractors were out of commission - we were able to get parts for the Kabota and now have it operating and are expecting parts for the John Deere to arrive soon. The drainage runs that were opened last week have all blown in. Timing to open these drainage runs is critical, we don't want to open them too early and then have them filled by another snow storm. At the same time, looking at the calendar, it could turn very warm in a very short time and that would be a huge problem as the water would not be able flow through snow packed runways. So what do we do?

Council had a special meeting on Sunday, March 24, to discuss our options. At the end of the meeting, a motion was passed to hire Double K excavating. They will be bringing in a track hoe and 2 trucks for the purpose of ditch clearing within the Village. Not every ditch will be getting cleared and/or hauled. Council will be working with Double K to try to pin point the most problematic areas. Additionally, the Village contracted a local farmer for the use of his tractor to help with snow clearing. Furthermore, if we did not have the local volunteers volunteering their time and equipment a lot of our streets would not be open yet. Huge thanks to everyone who has pitched in and helped.

With all this being done, we are far from safe. Please keep vehicles off of the roads so our machines can have full access to the ditches and culverts. One vehicle blocking the flow of drainage can have huge consequences to everyone. If you know where your culverts are and able to access them, please do so. Remove debris from your ditches. Do not push the snow from your property onto Village property and ditches. If you would like **you** can arrange to have it hauled just north of the lagoon. Unless you have talked and received permission from the Village or the local farmers, you do not have permission to dump anywhere else.

Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated,

Sincerely,

Tobi Duck