

Sunday, January 09, 2011 – Noon

Good Afternoon All --

Snow crews stayed until 1am last night. They were engaged in an aggressive salting operation along with additional plowing and pushing of snow on roads and at Township facilities.

A limited Township crew reported at 7am this morning to assist Board of Education crews get the schools ready along with clearing certain sidewalks and paths used by many school students. In addition, Town Hall was cleared and salted for Monday. This limited snow crew will be departing by 1pm today.

Reports indicate that roads are in good shape. The aggressive salting operation has paid dividends as the sun is presently "burning off" any snow and ice accumulation. This residual salt will also be helpful with reducing icy spots tonight along with having some salt material already worked into the asphalt for the approaching storm on Tuesday.

Repairs to the fleet have already started. The Township will remain in snow operation mode and focus much energy on fleet repairs on Monday. The fleet took a hard hit with this event and staff is working diligently to recover in order to be prepared for Tuesday's storm. We feel confident that necessary repairs will be accomplished by Tuesday.

The Township has a minimum amount of salt remaining and we are holding that in reserve for Monday morning rush and school opening. A small 5am crew will report to address any issues associated with the morning rush in addition to salting areas in and around schools. Replenishment of salt is expected on Monday but the Township will have to order more salt above what is received Monday in order to have sufficient salt inventory for next week.

There is still uncertainty regarding track and intensity of the storm on Tuesday. We are assuming that the Township will experience at least a moderate winter weather event and are

planning accordingly. We will ramp up our preparation efforts if weather forecast point to a more serious event on Tuesday/Wednesday. Will keep all posted on the approaching winter weather event.

Dave