



Road Report October 2025

- Completed Work in September 2025
- Work in Process/Scheduled
- Thank you
- Decisions and Comments

Completed Work

- Maintenance grading was done on various Town roads
- Gravel placed and leveled on various Town roads
- Approximately 9800' of cracks sealed on Sturgeon Island Road and Island Loop



#	Section	Road Name	57 Gravel Roads	CaCl2			
1 E	15	Hill Street Road	1.21	1.21			
2 E	13,14,23,24	Elm Tree Road	0.53				
3 E	14	Northridge Road	1.00				
4 E	10 - 15	Pioneer Road	2.40				
5 E	1, 2	Partridge Road North	1.00	1			
6 E	11 -12	Partridge Road South	0.95				
7 E	12	Lake 12 Road	0.83	0.83			
8 E	12	Balsam Road	0.27	0.27			
9 E	1, 2, 11, 12	Birchview Road	1.35	0.85	Birchview to Lake 12 Road		
10 E	1	Telker Road	0.45	0.45			
13 W	6	Sunset Lane	0.40	0.4			
17 W	6	Settlers Court	0.10	0.1			
18 W	6	Lords Drive	0.50	0.5			
19 W	6	Settlers Pond Drive	0.20	0.2			

Windemere Township Grading 2025							
*CaCl2	Road Name	March	April	May	June		
*1 E	Hill Street Road			15-May	4-Jun		
2 E	Elm Tree Road		11-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
3 E	Northridge Road		11-Apr	19-May	3-Jun		
4 E	Pioneer Road	21-Mar	11-Apr	19-May	16-June		
*5 E	Partridge Road N	21-Mar	9-Apr	19-May	4-June/16-June		
6 E	Partridge Road S	21-Mar	9-Apr	19-May			
*7 E	Lake 12 Road	21-Mar	9-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
*8 E	Balsam Road	21-Mar	9-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
*9 E	Birchview Road	21-Mar	9-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		*Birchview to Lake 12 Road
*10 E	Telker Road	21-Mar		19-May	4-Jun		
*13 W	Sunset Lane		19-Apr	19-May	3-Jun		
*17 W	Settlers Court		19-Apr	19-May	3-Jun		
*18 W	Lords Drive		19-Apr	19-May	3-Jun		
*19 W	Settlers Pond Dr		19-Apr	19-May	3-Jun		
*22 W	Paulus Road		19-Apr	19-May	3-Jun		
*25 W	Lakeshore Drive			19-May	3-Jun		
29 E	Camp Farm Lane		16-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
*30 E	Moss Lane		17-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
*31 E	Brandt Road		17-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
*32 E	Sunrise View Rd		17-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
33 E	Missing Link Rd		17-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
34 E	Lakeview Lane		17-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		
35 E	Cliff Drive		17-Apr	19-May	4-Jun		

Windemere Township Grading 2025							
*CaCl2	Road Name	July	August				
*1 E	Hill Street Road		9-Aug				
*2 E	Elm Tree Road	7-Jul	12-Aug				
*3 E	Northridge Road	7-July/17-July	9-Aug				
*4 E	Pioneer Road	7-Jul	9-Aug				
*5 E	Partridge Road N	17-Jul	9-Aug				
*6 E	Partridge Road S	17-Jul					
*7 E	Lake 12 Road						
*8 E	Balsam Road						
*9 E	Birchview Road		9Aug/12Aug				*Birchview to Lake 12 Road
*10 E	Telker Road		12-Aug				
*13 W	Sunset Lane		9-Aug				
*17 W	Settlers Court		9-Aug				
*18 W	Lords Drive		9-Aug				
*19 W	Settlers Pond Dr		9-Aug				
*22 W	Paulus Road		9-Aug				
*25 W	Lakeshore Drive		9-Aug				
*29 E	Camp Farm Lane		9-Aug				
*30 E	Moss Lane		9-Aug				
*31 E	Brandt Road		9-Aug				

Work in Process/Scheduled

- Township road sign and post replacement most likely delayed until Spring of 2026 because of lack of contractors available.
- Ditch cleaning projects
- Culvert replacement projects
- Asphalt repair



*Thank you to our professional contractors.
Their hard work and cooperation is greatly appreciated!*

- Kenneth Elg Construction
- Sandberg Excavating
- Mille Lacs Sealcoating



Decisions and Comments

- Windemere Township contracts under Minnesota Statue 471.345
- All road information and reports are located on the Windemere Township website
- Phone: 218-380-1575
- Email: roads@windemeretownship.com
- Snowplow contract
- Pine County discussion



It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

Windemere Township Board Meeting Corrections: September 2025

Introduction

I am providing clarifications regarding misinformation circulated during the September 2025 Town board meeting. The focus is on correcting the record pertaining to two main issues discussed: the park area near the Sturgeon Island Bridge and the construction of the Sturgeon Island Bridge itself.

Clarifying the Park Area Proposal

There was confusion surrounding the park area by the Sturgeon Island Bridge and its related funding. In July 2025, Tony Bakhtiari and I attended the Pine County Land Advisory meeting to seek funds for the park project, having previously obtained full support from the Town board at their June 2025 meeting. The motivation behind this request was the removal of fishing piers during the bridge replacement, which could not be restored with the new structure. Guided by Land Commissioner Greg Beck, we submitted a proposal consistent with others, requesting \$32,000 for the park.

Josh Moore and Matt Ludwig, both Pine County commissioners, participated in the committee meeting. Discussions included Windemere Township finances and the bridge project, though these topics were unrelated to the park funding request. We explained Windemere Township's proactive role in completing the bridge project, which required the Township to contribute over \$27,000. Ultimately, the land advisory committee unanimously approved \$15,000 for the park, pending final approval by the Pine County Commissioners.

Allegations at the August 2025 Pine County Board Meeting

At the regular Pine County board meeting on August 5, 2025, Tony Bakhtiari only attended. During this meeting, board chair Josh Moore made several accusations against me and Windermere Township, including claims that we paved private driveways and performed private landscaping. These allegations are entirely false; all private driveways in the area were paid for by the owners, and I have receipts to show it. No landscaping was done beyond the approved plans.

Josh Moore also referenced DNR funding, noting its availability. Land Commissioner Greg Beck did offer a DNR partnership option for fishing piers, but the site at Sturgeon Island Bridge does not meet the criteria required to qualify for these funds. This dialogue is significant given the volume of accusations and misrepresentations. While the park funding will take its own course, the central concern remains the Sturgeon Island Bridge project.

Sturgeon Island Bridge Project: Factual Overview

Pine County entered into a contract with S&R Reinforcement in April of 2023 to replace the Sturgeon Island Bridge and its approaches. The contract set a start date of August 14th, 2023, with an expected completion within 60 working days. However, the project began on September 5th, 2023, and extended well beyond the deadline, with major construction finishing over a year later.

Pine County managed the project and will receive \$20,000 from the Township for administration—contradicting claims that Pine County provided services for “free.” Although the Township was not obligated to oversee the project, I, as road manager, became heavily involved to ensure future maintenance would be manageable. The timber frame bridge and approaches combined accounted for about \$647,000. Numerous complications and problems arose throughout the project.

Multiple meetings and phone calls took place with Assistant Engineer Aaron Gunderson and Commissioner JJ Waldhalm, both of whom expressed frustration with the process and the prime contractor. In spring 2024, Aaron Gunderson and I created a punch list of unfinished work, and he reached out to the contractor to expedite completion. While some progress was made, most tasks remained incomplete.

By August 2024, much of the punch list remained unfinished, including landscaping, shoulder work, curb and gutter, and asphalt paving. A significant issue involved the incorrect installation of 60 feet of storm pipe, which, after review, was reinstalled properly. The community was increasingly dissatisfied with the ongoing disruptions and delays.

On August 21, 2024, Aaron Gunderson authorized Windemere Township to directly hire contractors to complete the remaining punch-list work, outside the original contract, with Pine County covering the cost of the added storm pipe. The prime contractor was left only to finish bolt cut-off beneath the bridge and asphalt paving.

As road manager, I assumed responsibility for the project's completion within a narrow timeframe. The Sturgeon Island Bridge was completed before winter 2024, thanks to reliable contractors and volunteers who stepped up to finish the job.

Summary of Key Facts

- There were no overages on the bridge project.
- Change orders were made and agreed upon throughout the process.
- The terms of the contract were not followed.
- No extra money was owed for amenities by Windemere Township.
- The prime contractor, S&R, has not completed the bolt cut-off work under the bridge as of today.
- It remains to be seen whether the contractor was paid according to the contract for unfinished work.

Conclusion and Sentiment

Although Windemere Township contributed a small fraction of the overall project cost, expectations for quality and accountability remain high. The completed timber frame bridge is a significant asset expected to last for decades. Moving forward, it is hoped that Windemere Township and Pine County can achieve mutual understanding and collaborate effectively for the benefit of the community.