



# TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2016

Our regular summer work continues with street sweeping, grass cutting, and road patching. The radial arm mower was out cutting road edges in various parts of the township. A crew was also spraying weed killer along our fence rows to reduce the amount of hand trimming that is needed. To take advantage of the dry conditions we were able to move the bleachers at the Northside Complex to switch from the softball layout to the football layout for the upcoming season.

We had several sinkholes open up with the dry weather. Everyone associates sinkholes with wet weather but dry weather can also provide a trigger as well. The soil has lost all of its moisture with the hot dry summer and the water table continues to lower. This creates a loss of support for the upper soil layers and you can get settlement. These holes are typically small nuisance type holes but they need to be milled, compacted and patched. There was a larger hole on Dewalt Street that ended up being an old storm pipe that had collapsed due to age. This pipe had to be cut out and a new section installed.

Our crews did a paving overlay of Farmersville Road from Carter Republic Estates to Hilltop Circle. This is the last section of this older road to get an overlay going down to the river.

Our crew also assisted in the set up and clean up for National Night Out over at the Community Center.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 1178 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Public Works