

**ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR/PERFORMANCE & INFORMATION SERVICES REPORT**

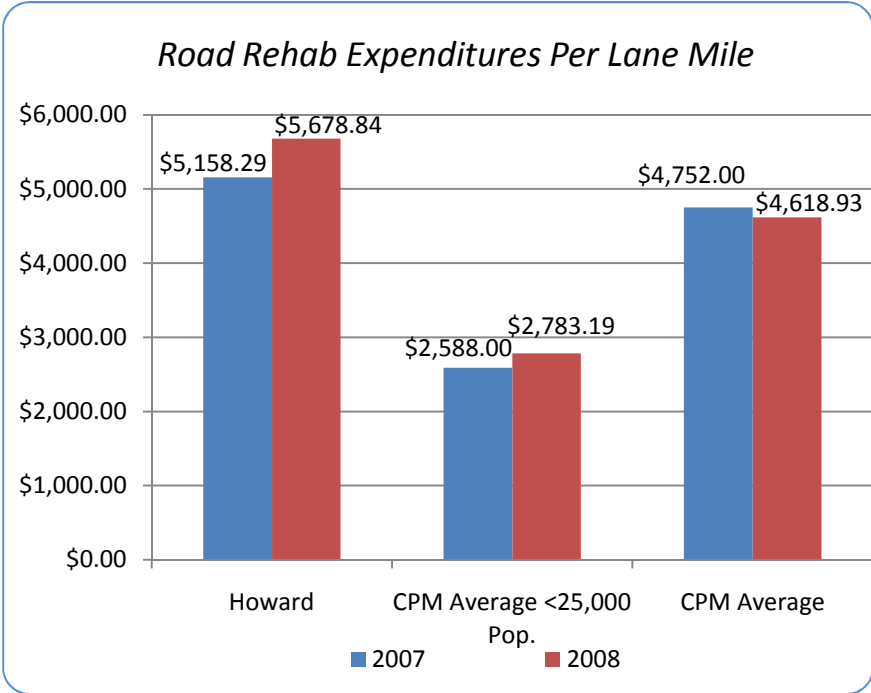
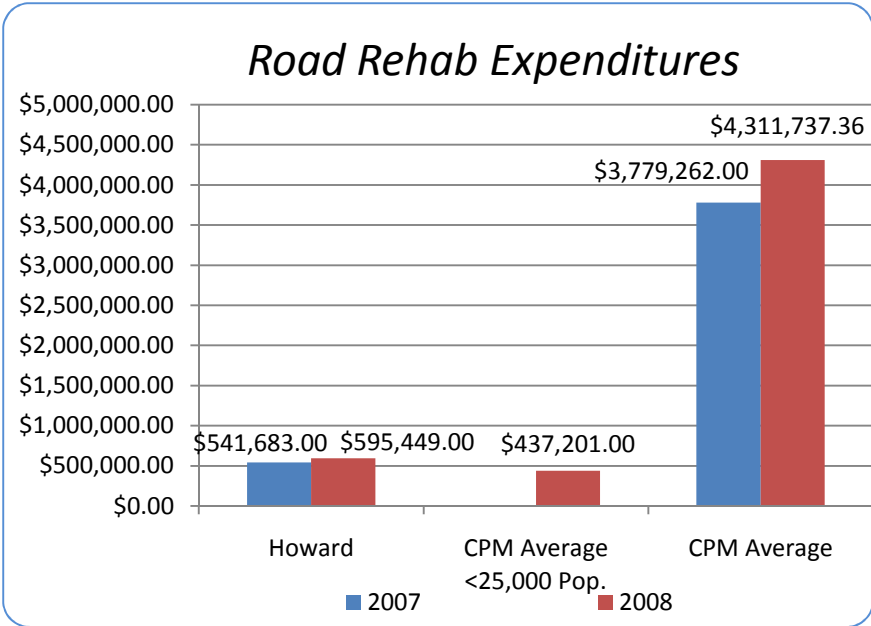
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FY 2008 Highway Maintenance Performance Measurement Data Report

**Road Resurfacing and Construction**

The top chart at right depicts the Village's total expenditures for road rehabilitation (resurfacing & reconstruction). As you can see we are slightly higher than the national average for municipalities our size, but we are in the same ballpark. The discrepancy may be due to the types of road projects undertaken in the previous two fiscal years (Shawano & Glendale Ave reconstruction).

The chart in the lower right hand corner shows the cost for road rehabilitation expenditures per lane mile. This measure indicates how much bang for the buck the Village is getting. As you can see, the Village has substantially higher costs per lane mile than the rest of the country. The only other Wisconsin municipality that reported its road rehab expenditures was Waunakee. Waunakee's road rehab expenditure per lane mile was **\$7,121.56**. The reason Wisconsin's road rehab expenditures per lane mile are so expensive may be due to State legislation mandating the use of prevailing wages on public projects. I have a call in to the Highway data manager at ICMA's Center for Performance Measurement asking him if other states have similar state mandated legislation. I hope to have more information on this issue for Monday's meeting.



## Snow and Ice Removal

As the graph at right indicates, 2008 was a record year for snowfall in Howard and much of the State of Wisconsin. As you may expect, this resulted in greater than average expenditures for snow and ice removal services.

Despite the increase in snowfall, the Village's cost per capita for snow and ice control is still consistent with the national average for communities our size. For benchmarking purposes, the only community in the consortium in our population range and climate area is McHenry, Illinois. McHenry's cost per capita for snow and ice control in 2008 was \$18.46. The total snowfall in McHenry in 2008 was 80.25 inches.

On average, every time the Village of Howard has to mobilize its snow plow fleet, it costs the Village \$3,238.91. This cost is well below the national average. By comparison, it costs McHenry \$3,532.59 to mobilize its fleet for each snow event.

Howard's "lane miles assessed as satisfactory" measure is based on the State's PASER system which rates all roads in Wisconsin. Howard's data for 2008 was reported incorrectly and is therefore not included in 2008. However, the Department of Public Works strives to keep the PASER rating above 95%. The Department also uses the program to determine which roads are in need of reconstruction or resurfacing.

