

Log Jam

The Sylvania Township road department was recently able to squeeze in some work off snow-and-ice-covered streets and into Ten Mile Creek to ease a potentially bad situation where several large logs had formed a jam just north of Sylvania Avenue and west of Mitchaw Road.

Sylvania Township trustees were shown a brief video clip of a large excavator with water nearly over its treads breaking through the ice and lifting what appeared to be full trees from the site.

Greg Huffman, public works manager for the township, told trustees that crews had to be cautious to not cause ice jams forming while pulling logs from the waterway.

Mr. Huffman said the township was fortunate that the jam had developed near a farm field and access was granted to the area. He said it could have been different if there were a number of home sites at that point.

He added that the excavator was leased for the job and the cost of the project was \$1,662. He said he will see reimbursement for the expense from the county storm water utility district.

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