

TOWN OF THOMSON POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Heavy Equipment Operator

BOARD APPROVED:

Revised May 2023

REPORTS TO: Public Works Supervisor
Town Board
Represented by IUOE Local 49

STATUS: Full-time, Hourly Wage
40 Hours per week / Overtime
Additional Benefits as Stated

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The primary purpose of the position is to operate and maintain heavy, motorized equipment used for snow removal, road grading, dirt hauling and ditch mowing, as needed, following, commonly accepted job performance practices, necessary safety guidelines and relevant policies and procedures.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required and may not include all duties performed by the individual. To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily.

- Operating a motor grader to perform maintenance and construction of gravel surfaces for roadways, parking lots and various sites.
- Loading dump trucks with sand, gravel, blacktop, demolition debris, other construction related materials, and snow using a front-end loader.
- Operating a motor grader to plow snow from roadways and parking lots.
- Operating a sanding/dump truck for sanding of roadways and parking lots (operate standard transmission).
- Driving a dump truck to deliver sand, gravel, blacktop, demolition debris or construction related materials and snow to designated sites.
- Performing routine daily maintenance activities in the Road and Bridge Department including patching streets, placement of barricades, pickup and collection of trash and litter, cleaning of ditches and culverts, installation of culverts, steaming of culverts, loading and unloading of equipment and materials from trucks.
- Performing routine building maintenance activities including sweeping, mopping, painting and general carpentry work.
- Performing routine roadway maintenance activities including topsoiling, seeding, sodding, raking, shoveling, and brush cutting,
- Performing routine equipment maintenance such as daily inspections, oil changes, lubrication and other operator related maintenance.
- Responding to emergency situations such as floods, windstorms, snow emergencies, broken waterlines, sewer system issues, major accidents, and other street related problems.
- Other duties as assigned

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of applicable work safety standards and/or first aid measures
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Good organizational skills
- Ability to plan, prioritize, schedule and complete tasks with little supervision
- Ability to operate heavy equipment (motorized grader, front end loader, excavator, backhoe / loader, brush mower tractor)
- Ability to operate light equipment (mower, snow blower, power tools, hand tools)
- Knowledge of methods, techniques, tools, materials, and equipment used in street construction, maintenance, and repair.
- Ability to present oneself in a favorable manner to the public.
- Ability to keep good records
- Basic knowledge of carpentry
- Basic mechanical ability

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to read and understand written correspondence, memos, and equipment manuals.
- Ability to communicate with co-workers, supervisors, and the general public.
- Ability to carryout instructions.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Able to respond to emergencies within 30 minutes, in adverse weather conditions / road conditions, i.e., heavy snow, rain, ice.
- Ability to work on-call weekend rotation as scheduled by Public Works Supervisor

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or GED
- Valid Class "A" Driver's License
- Ability to lift / move 50 pounds frequently; occasionally lift / move 100 pounds

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Previous experience in similar position is preferred.

NOTE TO EMPLOYEE: The undersigned Employee acknowledges that they have read and understand this *Position Description*, which includes the *Physical and Environmental Factors List* for the position. Furthermore, that a copy of this *Position Description* will be provided to the Employee and the signed original will be placed in their personnel file. Finally, that this *Position Description* shall define their position indefinitely unless later amended and duly adopted, at which time this same procedure shall be followed.

Town Clerk

Date

Employee

Date