



## Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

211 S. Seminary PO Box 18  
Downs, IL 61736-0018  
309-378-3221

**Mike James**

Chairperson / Indian Hills

**Lori Aldridge**

Clerk

**Paul Myszka**

Mallard Point

**Wes Tate**

Village Westside

**Randall Stine**

Village Eastside

### *Street Report For January 2011*

Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm with the purpose of establishing planning and funding for all projects pertaining to streets, alleys and sidewalks within the Village of Downs. Our next meeting will be February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Chairman's Message:**

I apologize for not having a street report last month (of course nobody asked me why ☺) as I discovered why I should get the flu shot each year!

Every week I drive the streets at least once during the day and then again at night. Some things I don't catch and ask that you report them to me one of several ways:

1. Email to me
2. Phone call to me
3. Citizen compliant form
4. Talk to a streets committee member
5. Contact a board member or mayor

Please note that you don't have to report a street light outage as you can call it into Ameron yourself.

This has been an extremely challenging snow fall year with near record snowfall in December and a 10-yr storm to usher in February. I sure hope the rest of February and March are much nicer to us as we are 92% of our MFT snow removal budget. This does not include the cost of using our part-time employee instead of our contractor as that doesn't come out of our MFT budget.

I know that I have had this in the street report before, but I will state it again on how we handle snow removal. Snow plowing for the village is handled by utilizing our village employee to keep the roads open until the snow accumulation slows down. At that time Joe Edes Trucking will come into town to clean up and apply salt. Subsequent cleanup can occur with either the village or Joe Edes Trucking. If you have any issues, please report them using one of the above methods. Since we are contracted with Joe Edes Trucking (as we have been for the last 5 years) for our snow removal I need to work with him to address any problems/issues/questions that arise.

I apologize for delay in completion of our street snow cleanup during this last storm and for knocking snow back into your driveways once the final cleanup was completed on Thursday. The committee recommendation is to pursue becoming a village that again is self-sufficient in our snow removal and other aspects over the next few years where economically feasible. Once this occurs we will be able to afford to spend more time during the final cleanup. I also want to thank everyone in the village that pitched in to help one another. It was awesome to see neighbors helping neighbors and the making the cleanup a joint effort.

Finally, the committee is now reviewing our street ordinances and working on a written plan for where we would like to take our streets department. We are asking for your input over the next few months on where you would like to see us take our streets over the next year (Motor Fuel Tax program) and long-term.

**Financial High-Level Plan for FY2010 Street Funds:**

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Budget Road and Bridge Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$28,532.51
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$10,748.31
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$8,056.80</b>
<b>Percent of 2010 budget</b>	<b>37.82%</b>

Motor Fuel Tax Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Budget Motor Fuel Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$29,056.38
Motor Fuel Expenses	\$6,826.26
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$11,352.83</b>
<b>Percent of 2010 budget</b>	<b>27.10%</b>

Please call me at (309) 830-7374 or email me at [mike.james@mchsi.com](mailto:mike.james@mchsi.com) to discuss your ANY of your concerns.

In your Service,

Mike James - Village of Downs Trustee and Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee Chair