



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report For February 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 March 31st, 2011.

Chairman's Message:

Hopefully the snow is gone for good and Spring has arrived, but there always seems to be one last hurrah for old man winter. This winter was not over budget even with the joint plowing by the Village and our contractor. However, it looks like McLean county is seeking state relief and I will be sending in information to try and hit that magic number for that relief.

We have started our spring work on filling holes and will be continuing that work throughout the spring with gravel as well. If you have a need for gravel in your driveway and would like to pay the village to bring you gravel, please let me know

We are still wanting to hear from you for any street, alley and sidewalk concerns you may have for the next year. I thank those that have responded already.

If you are over 18 and are interested in working for the Village part-time during the summer, please come to the village hall and complete an application.

The Lincoln street extension planning has been completed and hopefully will be an April project for us. This is dependent on getting the RR to respond and cooperate with us.

We will be working with the sewer department and contractors to fix all settling issues with the streets and sidewalks and this probably will not be completed until June or July.

Please help with spring cleanup by picking up trash that has accumulated in the ditches in front of your house over the winter. With the spring rains coming, we don't want this to wash into culverts.

Finally, the committee is still 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
Net Income (Loss)	\$8,056.80
Percent of 2010 budget	37.82%

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
Net Income (Loss)	\$11,352.83
Percent of 2010 budget	27.10%

Note - The above numbers were not updated this month because I don't have my sheets at work.

Please call me at (309) 830-7374 or email me at 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