



Village of Downs

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Report For May 2009

This report will be provided to the Village Board and Clerk every month so that it can be placed directly within the flyer in order to keep the residents informed on the activity of the Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Committee.

At this time, Mike James, appointed by the Mayor, is the only member of this committee. However, a notice will be posted in the flyer asking for four volunteers that will represent subdivisions or areas of town. A clerk will also be needed to record meeting minutes. This committee's purpose, subject to change, is to establish direction and funding for all projects within the Village of Downs.

The following summarizes the activity completed since the last Village Board Meeting.

- 1) In preparation of the road closure, a lot of work has been done in conjunction with local entities.
 - a. Filled pot holes along W Main and Huff.
 - b. Cleaned up the road side for drainage along Huff to allow cars a place to pull over for oncoming traffic.
 - c. Trimmed trees and added reflectors.
- 2) Flooding during heavy rain in early May caused water problems all over the village. The Mayor will be meeting with the USDA and others to determine the best way to get the waterway on the South side of town working better.
- 3) Called Ameren to address street lights outages or problems. Please call me if street lights are not working or will not turn off. The Mayor will be sending a request to Ameren to move the street light at the old entrance to RT36 to the new entrance.
- 4) The sink hole on W Main and Gadwell has returned. A fence was put up and NICOR will be contacted to again come and repair the drain tile.
- 5) Established a street, alley, and sidewalk fund/budget to get a better handle on expenditures and provide more clear picture of income and expenditures for this committee.
- 6) Motor Fuel Tax was approved May 19th. See section in the flyer for summary of how expenditures have been allocated for the \$38,500.
- 7) McLean County replaced a culvert across Washington at Woodlawn. It is a much larger culvert and drop box. They did a great job and water seemed to flow well with the last rain.
- 8) I continue to work to establish relationships with local entities. It is with the combined efforts of these entities and residents that we will be able to make a difference in getting all the work accomplished with the limited funds available.

I would also like to ask that we all help to keep the ditches clear of garbage, leaves and debris so that it doesn't clog up culvert's and make them any worse and ultimately, over time, cost the Village more money. We will be working to replace/clean out ditches and culverts once we get Main and Huff in shape for the upcoming road closure.

In your Service,

Mike James

The following is a summary of the MFT allocations for fiscal year May 2009 – April 2010:

- 1) Seal Coat Streets planned, but subject to change: part of Huff Rd, Eider Ct, Quail Qt, part of N Price St, and W Franklin (bids to be let by Farnsworth Group)
- 2) Sidewalk Removal/Replace various places along Lincoln and Seminary (bids to be let in flyer and The Pantagraph)
- 3) Clean Roadside ditches until allocation is exhausted (40 hrs)
- 4) Snow Removal (bids to be let in flyer and The Pantagraph)
- 5) Repair and Gravel Surface and Shoulders until allocation is exhausted (125 Ton)
- 6) Pre-Mix patching until allocation is exhausted (10 Ton)
- 7) Chip Bleeding Streets until allocation is exhausted (30 Ton)
- 8) Replace Street Signs (7 signs)
- 9) Replace Road Culverts until allocation is exhausted (100 LF)
- 10) Sand and Salt (40 ton)