



# Village of Downs

## Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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### *Report For August 2009*

The monthly committee meeting was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7 pm at the Village Hall. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

#### **Committee purpose:**

To establish planning and funding for all projects pertaining to streets, alleys and sidewalks within the Village of Downs.

#### **Committee Recommendation(s):**

- 1) The committee recommends to the Village Board that snow removal contract be renewed with Joe Eades Trucking. Specifications and requirements contract could not be completed and approved by the attorney and Village Board in time to get someone secured for this season. The committee will work to complete this contract and use it next year.
- 2) The committee recommends to the Village Board that they hire a part-time worker.

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

- 1) Bridge work on Rt 150 is on schedule to be completed by Oct 2, 2009.
- 2) Fund notification for additional MFT monies has been received from State Rep Keith Sommer. Acceptance of these fund increases the need and urgency to establish a Village weight limit ordinance and put up additional signs.
- 3) Requested bids for moving the water main shutoff on Cleveland that is right in front of the culvert.
- 4) No progress on the Main sink hole.
- 5) No progress on ditch reshaping work needed in Mallard Pt, Kickapoo Dr and Main st.
- 6) No progress on the movement of the street light on Rt150 and old 800N. However, I did determine that other lights are needed throughout the village.
- 7) Work on S Price is still being discussed with DUMC and fire dept.
- 8) Researching what is needed to add stop signs to: Main and Pintail, Huff and N Pintail, Washington and Price and Harvey Rd and Fox Run.
- 9) Talked with McLean County (Eric Schmidt) about signs, salt, drain on Woodlawn and Huff Rd bridge. We have 21.5 tons of salt in storage. The sign replacement program will be next year and we are going to meet with the county about the Woodlawn drop box. New street signs for those missing will be ordered in accordance with new laws being passed.
- 10) Roadside ditch cutting was completed on Huff and Main in preparation of seal coat work. This made a huge difference, but also exposed areas that haven't been driven on so many pot holes are appearing. Work must be done to correct this ASAP.
- 11) White rock was put down and holes filled on all roads that were getting covered. Plus, in the alley by the village hall.
- 12) Road seal coat work was completed on all roads in one day and was a great improvement. Roads done in part or whole were Huff Rd (2000E), Eider Ct., Quail Ct., N Price St, W. Franklin St and Fox Run. I appreciate everyones patience and consideration.
- 13) Several street light outages and sensors that were not working correctly were called into Ameren.

The committee will continue to look for volunteers to help on work days. We want to appeal to the resources in town that have knowledge and ability to volunteer in helping get this work done a lot faster. Please contact myself or any committee member if you would like to help.

Please help keep drains, ditches and culverts 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.

In your Service,

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

### **Ordinance of the Month**

Chapter 8, Article V, Section 6: No person shall park any vehicle upon a street in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic.