



Village of Downs

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Report For December 2009

The monthly committee meeting was held on December 17th. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

Chairman's Message:

Snow has started to fall and with that you will see the familiar trucks from Joe Edes Trucking plowing and salting our streets. Please note that we pay them by the hour to do this work. If you can move your vehicles from the side of the road to aide them in getting this work done quicker and easier, our budget appreciates it.

We have now used over 1/3 of our budget for snow removal as of the end of December. January and February are generally worse when it comes to snow and ice; with a major storm happening as I write this report. I anticipate we will exceed our budget for snow removal this year, but please help out , as described above, if possible.

This month the board will have before it approval for sidewalk maintenance within the village. The original submitted work for bid exceeded our budget by over \$1,500. Therefore the committee cut it down and then some more to a final ~\$2,400 on a \$3,500 budget. This was done because we exceeded budget by \$1,358 for seal coat work on the streets this fall.

Finally, the sign upgrade program funding is now up in the air due to the surprise discovery that Downs is part of the Bloomington-Normal Metropolitan Planning Area and therefore excludes Downs from the program. I am currently working with the McLean County Regional Planning Commission to find a way to get this \$25k in funding. Without this funding, we will be hard pressed to find funding to replace ~150 signs and posts by 2012 to the required retroreflectivity requirement. Hopefully I will have better news next month.

Thank you to everyone who continues to provide both positive and constructive feedback. I appreciate ideas and suggestions and please don't assume someone is voicing your opinion. Please contact me if you want to offer your help or suggestions.

In your Service,

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

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) Accept bid for sidewalk maintenance from the low bidder of Hayes Construction

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

- 1) Part-time employee continued working with various cleanup jobs and ditch work. Mr Fitzwater is doing a great job.
- 2) Met with Mike Roberts to work out location for stockpile of road material and burn location on our property south of town.
- 3) Started work on ditch reshaping and culvert replacement on S Price St. Will completed once weather allows.
- 4) Met with school to get started with creating a committee to build an Illinois Safe Routes Plan for 2010. Lori Aldridge will be the committee chair.
- 5) Committee completed a sign inventory for the Rural Sign Replacement Program for 2010.

Planned work for next month:

- 1) Fill holes with cold patch and rock as weather allows.
- 2) Start work on culverts and ditches on Kickapoo Dr, Main St, and Gadwall as weather allows.
- 3) Complete ditch and culvert work on east side of S. Price St as weather allows.

Ordinance of the Month

Chapter 8, Article II, Section 6: Is shall be unlawful to attach any wire or rope to any tree without the permission of the President and Board of Trustees.