



Village of Downs

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Report For April 2010

The monthly committee meeting was moved due to schedules and held on May 3rd. 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:

Wow! Time has flown and one year has already gone by being your village trustee. We have made a good start, but I feel we have a long way to go. It is now budget time and our MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) plan went to the board for approval. Fund balances are low due to the state reducing the amount per home 3% over last year and the additional road seal coat work performed last year. We hope to get \$25.60 per house this year, but have put together an ~\$25k plan.

Sidewalk work has been completed for FY2009 and I hope you had a chance to see the new sidewalks on Lincoln. With the help of some new volunteers we hope to stretch our budget dollars even further.

Additionally, to save money, I asked that we use the part-time employee to do the mowing using the forgotten village mower. Although he won't be doing all the mowing, he has mowed 3 times and has already saved the village over \$1000.

I continue to work with the committee and to come up with innovative ways we help stretch our street dollars without adversely impacting the General Fund. This year, for the most part, all money used to maintain streets will come from money specifically collected for maintenance of streets within the village. As you will see in the coming months this isn't a lot. ~\$18k from road and bridge tax, which goes into our street fund and ~20k which goes into our MFT. The state still hasn't collected and distributed the extra MFT money pledged. If it does, it will become our reserve within the MFT program for emergency repair.

Please call me at (309) 830-7374 to discuss your any of your concerns.

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) Street sign design recommendations (blue/yellow, blue/white, white/black, green/white)
- 2) MFT Plan for FY 2010
- 3) SAS Appropriations Budget for FY 2010
- 4) Remove the heaving sidewalk along Lincoln
- 5) Request that the Village pursue a clean-up day like what has been done in the past

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

- 1) Filled holes, parking areas and mailbox areas with rock.
- 2) Completed all planned sidewalk work
- 3) Completed ditch work at the Catholic church and alley.
- 4) Talked with McLean county about ditch cleanout work on Washington. ½ of the work has been completed.
- 5) Scraped the alley in between Lincoln and Cleveland again to try and redirect water from house on Washington.
- 6) ISRP Committee meet again to discuss survey results. We will now be getting Farnsworth involved.

Planned work for next month:

- 1) Continue to fill holes with cold patch and rock as weather allows.
- 2) Other alleys need to be scraped and gravel added.
- 3) Complete other ditch and culvert cleanout work.