



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report For August 2010

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.

Chairman's Message:

Well we continue to throttle back on our street expenditures looking to make sure that we spend and repair only where it will not be affected by the sewer. This means that we will not do any of the planned MFT seal coat work this year, but will look to augment the street repairs from the sewer where applicable. It is great to see some streets/ditches going back to normal and in most cases better than it was before. I really appreciate the patience and understanding that everyone is showing during this project. It certainly has been a messy, bumpy and dusty, but we are asking and shooting for restoration of the roads by this fall weather permitting.

We continue to watch for bleeding roads and chip them as needed. We have begin some long overdue ditch work in Mallard and will continue with other areas. We will start work on weed and tree cutting/trimming for the fall starting in September.

I have contacted the railroad and I will meet with them in September or October to go over the weeds, crossing battery packs, dead trees and the Lincoln road extension.

We will also be looking to start removing sidewalks that will not be replaced on Main and Garfield, but will research replacing/expanding the sidewalk along the North side of Main St from Gadwall to the RR tracks to make this stretch of road more safe for the residents. Several other potential places of repair will be on N. Lincoln and Seminary. Help will be needed to make this all happen so please let a committee member or myself know if you can help.

Illinois Safe Routes work is now on hold as we have lost our chairperson. If you are interested in taking this over, please let me know.

Finally, I will again ask for those that are interested in bidding on our snow plow contract to contact me ASAP. The Streets Committee is putting together requirements for a company to bid on this contract. The company will need to work with our part-time employee and be required to have a 2.5-3 ton salt shaker.

Financial High-Level Plan for FY2010 Street Funds:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Road and Bridge Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$ 28,512.51
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$ 4,366.39
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,620.10
Percent of 2010 budget	15.36%

Motor Fuel Tax Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Motor Fuel Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$27,056.28
Motor Fuel Expenses	\$ 1,236.76
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,286.29
Percent of 2010 budget	4.91%

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 Recommendation(s):

- 1) To not do any of the planned MFT street seal coating this year
- 2) Upgrade and widen Main St from FD to Gadwall when road is put back together after the sewer put in

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

- 1) Road chipping as needed for bleeding streets
- 2) Ditch reshaping on N. Pintail

Planned work for next month:

- 1) Remove the heaving sidewalk along N. Lincoln, broken unused sidewalk on W. Main, Garfield and S Lincoln.
- 2) Complete other ditch and culvert cleanout work.
- 3) Weed and tree trimming