

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report for Year-end FY 2012

I am officially out of the role of your Streets Trustee and into the role of Mayor and it is proving hard to let go. Something that was a passion for 4 years is hard to cut the ties. Dan is very capable of running the department and we are working together to make sure it is a smooth transition. I am very proud of what I have accomplished over the last four years. I have built our MFT program to within 1 or 2 years from having a full year of funding in reserve. I have built the SAS fund from nothing to having more than a year of funding in reserve.

I have a lot of people to thank for their volunteering, sharing of resources and employees to help make this a successful 4 years. I apologize for anyone I have missed, but here we go: Rodney Lush and his staff/resources, Paul Myszka, Mike Freimann, Lori Aldridge, Randall Stine, Dean Burke, Ryan McLaughlin, Bill White, Rick Hayes, Phil Reynolds, Larry Mowry, Steve Dean, Matt Sorensen, Eric Schmitt, Jerry Stokes, Don Rutledge, Ron Downs, Les Fitzwater, Harold Balagna, Cody Stewart, Cody McMullen, John Hahn and Bob Oitker.

Spring projects have sprung and I mean it literally. Seems like the rain is dropping in buckets to make up for last summer. We have started our spring cleanup and will be continuing that as we work through several projects that are on the list that got pushed from last year to this year. The backhoe is proving to be extremely valuable for the Streets department, Public Works and the Park.

You will see that we are again hiring folks to help in various capacities in the Village. We are not replacing anyone, just building a bigger pool to choose from. Since our employee's are all part time and often have other jobs or other priorities, we need a bigger pool to progress and not let projects sit or get prolonged because someone isn't available. It doesn't make sense to run a set schedule for work because our work is so dependent on the weather. So we are often planning only a few days in advance.

Here are the projects that we have started/finished/planned for this spring:

- 1) Complete Oak/East street ditch work 80% complete
- 2) Completed Woodlawn culvert repair 99% complete, may have to return to add rock after it settles.
- 3) School spillway tile problem
- 4) Garfield tile problems
- 5) Price street drainage and tile problem
- 6) Kickapoo culvert replacement
- 7) Kickapoo drainage problem
- 8) Grove Street tile problem

This year we will be replacing all the street signs and putting up ones that are missing. When finished you will see the new white and black signs with the Village logo on every street corner.

Finally, I have been noticing a lot of sticks, garbage, leaves in the ditches by culvert entrances. Some are even burning in the ditches. Please don't do this and please keep them clean as this doesn't help us or your downstream neighbor in making sure our ditches remain in the best shape as possible. If you are doing a bunch of clean-up and don't have a place to put it or burn we will gladly pick it up. Please call, put it by the roadside and we will pick up what we can legally can burn.

In your service,

Mike James for Dan Lush - Village of Downs Trustee - Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

For additional budget information, please see the website under the Streets Department and under Documents→ Streets Documents. High-level numbers are below. Financial High-Level Plan for FY2012 Street Funds as of YE 4/30/2013:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund			
Description	Actual	Budget	
FY2011 Ending Balance	\$14,591.94	\$14,591.94	
RB Tax & GF Repayment	\$27,105.08	\$26,534.01	
Total for Expenditure	\$41,697.02	\$41,125.95	
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$15,387.53	\$41,120.00	
Net Income (Decrease)	\$11,717.55	(\$14,585.99)	
Percent of budget	37.42%		
SAS Account Balance	\$20,416.65	\$5.95	

Motor Fuel Tax Fund			
Description	Actual	Budget	
FY2011 Ending Balance	\$13,360.54	\$13,360.54	
MFT	\$27,524.40	\$24,020.00	
Total for Expenditure	\$40,897.15	\$37,380.54	
MFT Expenses	\$22,589.97	\$30,520.00	
Net Income (Decrease)	\$4,946.64	(\$6,500.00)	
Percent of budget	67.7%	·	
MFT Account Balance	\$17,395.62	\$6,880.54	