



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report for July 2012

Summer weather has been brutal on the roads. We continue to try and keep ahead of the wear and tear that the heat does to our roads with rock chipping.

I am also changing course from what I asked the board to pass in March of 2012. Instead of purchasing a new utility tractor I am looking to purchase a backhoe. Doing so, will allow us to be more self-sufficient in the streets and public works department. If you would like to talk more about why and how I am looking at doing, please contact me.

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) work is underway and I have had to make some adjustments. Spray patchwork has been completed and I hope that the RR track fix on Main St is appreciated. My first set of signs for the year arrived Friday. The Village wide speed limit, of 25 mph, will be fully implemented ASAP. Also, within this batch of signs are replacements and new signs for 'Dead End' and 'No Outlet'. Finally, I have ordered signs to address requests for 'Slow It Might be Your Child' signs for added safety. Non-residents and even a few residents have raised issues of an All-Way stop at the intersection of Harvey Rd and Fox Run. They came to our board meeting to express those concerns. Almost all of them agreed that the speed needs to be addressed and it will with the arrival of the above signs.

I am going to revisit why these signs were put up in this report. In September of 2009, the streets committee voted to recommend that the Village Board adopt 2 new stop sign changes. These changes were discussed and adopted in October 2009 by the Board with a 6-0 vote. These signs were requested and installed at the verbal request by several of the residents in Indian Hills. Reasons for the signs were not because of speeding, but):

- 1) Children safety at the school bus stop
- 2) Resident safety for the blind hill coming from the South

I delayed both of these implementations because of money for new signs required by Federal MUTCD 2009 law changes and hoping the issue would go away. This year, I started to put up the 4-way stop (posts only) at Price and Washington (same day I put the Indian Hills posts) and got many questions from the residents in that area. I removed them at their request. However, that isn't the case in Indian Hills as the majority of the residents want these signs and the speed limit changes that will also be implemented. I have also turned the verbal request into signatures of support. 11 of the 17 occupied homes (residents) in Indian Hills support the stop signs and reduced speed limit. **I wish to reiterate to all residents who travel this road, please set an example by following the law and providing these residents the courtesy you expect in your neighborhood.**

Please call me at (309) 830-7374 or email me at mike.james@mchsi.com to discuss your ANY of your concerns.

In your service,
 Mike James - Village of Downs Trustee - Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

The full budgets for MFT and Street is available on the website under Streets Documents. High-level numbers are below.

Financial High-Level Plan for FY2012 Street Funds as of 07/31/2011:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund			Motor Fuel Tax Fund		
Description	Actual	Budget	Description	Actual	Budget
FY2011 Ending Balance	\$14,591.94	\$14,591.94	FY2011 Ending Balance	\$13,360.54	\$13,360.54
RB Tax & GF Repayment	\$11,923.99	\$26,534.01	MFT	\$5,955.24	\$24,020.00
Total for Expenditure	\$26,515.99	\$41,125.95	Total for Expenditure	\$19,317.96	\$37,380.54
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$3,560.16	\$41,120.00	MFT Expenses	\$0	\$30,520.00
Net Income (Decrease)	\$8,363.83	(\$14,585.99)	Net Income (Decrease)	\$5,957.42	(\$6,500.00)
Percent of budget	8.7%		Percent of budget	0%	
SAS Account Balance	\$22,994.21	\$5.95	MFT Account Balance	\$11,345.18	\$6,880.54