Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee



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Street Report for December 2012

Winter is officially here and the prediction/forecast for this winter is similar to last year. We have been working to prepare for the winter months by patching holes, putting down gravel, preparing our trucks, spreader and plows. The Streets Department will again be doing the snow plowing for our Village. We will be doing dry runs to test/learn our routes and find additional trouble spots. Trouble spots have been marked with reflectors. Please do not remove these reflectors and please help by watching and reporting where they have been removed.

The following outlines our procedures and I will adjust as needed. We will usually precede each storm with salting intersections, hills, curves and trouble areas. Snow removal will start at ~2" and will focus on getting one pass through all streets and keeping them open, until snow stops. Cars parked along the side of the roads will slow this process down. Please help us by parking your cars off the roadside during storms where we are expecting 4"+ of snow and/or high winds. Once removal is completed and the snow has stopped, we will come back through to widen, cleanup and spread salt. In cul-de-sacs, we will be pushing snow to the middle instead of into the ditches to try and reduce the rock into the ditches. We will haul off piles as needed.

In September, the Streets Department purchased a used 2002 Caterpillar backhoe. See below for analysis and details on how it will be paid off over the next 4 years. The purchase of this backhoe now allows the Streets and Public Works Departments to be almost completely self-sufficient. The Streets Department now has its own backhoe, pickup with plow, salt spreader, dump truck with plow and 3 part-time employees and many volunteers. This is the culmination of 3.5 years of hard work, savings, planning, help and using inter-governmental agreements to build a Streets Department.

Finally, we have completed replacing all regulatory signs with the new MUTCD Federal Standard signs. If you have a business in town and will be operating vehicle(s) above the posted Village weight limits, then you must complete, yearly, a free permit to exceed posted Village weight limit. This permit application is available on the Village website or at the Village Hall. Please complete and return to the Village drop-box.

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

2002 Cat	
420D Backhoe	\$48,500.00
Lease:	48
Payment	\$12,422.06

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FY2011		\$8,000.00	
FY2012	\$12,422.06	\$8,000.00	\$8,577.94
FY2013	\$12,422.06	\$8,000.00	\$14,155.88
FY2014	\$12,422.06	\$7,760.01	\$19,493.82
FY2015	\$12,422.06	\$0.00	\$17,071.76
FY2016	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,071.76
FY2017	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,071.76
Total	\$49,688.25	\$31,760.01	_

In your service,

Mike James - 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 11/30/2011:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund				
Description	Actual	Budget		
FY2011 Ending Balance	\$14,591.94	\$14,591.94		
RB Tax & GF Repayment	\$23,188.91	\$26,534.01		
Total for Expenditure	\$37,780.85	\$41,125.95		
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$8,862.55	\$41,120.00		
Net Income (Decrease)	\$14,326.36	(\$14,585.99)		
Percent of budget	21.55%			
SAS Account Balance	\$28,956.74	\$5.95		

Motor Fuel Tax Fund				
Description	Actual	Budget		
FY2011 Ending Balance	\$13,360.54	\$13,360.54		
MFT	\$17,514.93	\$24,020.00		
Total for Expenditure	\$30,875.47	\$37,380.54		
MFT Expenses	\$20,648.53	\$30,520.00		
Net Income (Decrease)	(\$3,133.60)	(\$6,500.00)		
Percent of budget	67.7%			
MFT Account Balance	\$9,315.38	\$6,880.54		