



# Village of Downs

## Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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## *February 2011 Committee Meeting*

When: Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Where: Village Hall  
Time: 7:00 pm CST

### Agenda

- 1) Call to order and pledge- 7:05 pm
- 2) Roll call –Absent - Lori, Wes
- 3) Recognition of visitors - None
- 4) Approval of previous minutes – To be approved next meeting
- 5) Activity since last meeting –
  - a. Repaired snowplow for the Township for various issues
  - b. Took gravel from Stark to put on Cleveland to repair low spot related to Sewer work
  - c. Ordered new sign sample from Peachtree Business Products – online sign company
  - d. Met with Misch to discuss Cleveland Street Extension. He was in agreement of approach and offered to assist with work.
- 6) Financial Report for MFT and SAS Funds
  - a. Reviewed current snow removal budget to reconcile spend. January blizzard has yet to be added to spend which will take us over budget.
  - b. Reviewed Labor (Les) Budget – We are expected to stay within budget through end of year.
  - c. Reviewed Motor Fuel Budget – Staying well within Budget but we expect some additional outlays associated with weather change and aged streets. Total income to date is \$14,795 which is only 73% of what we are to receive.
  - d. SAS Budget – Reviewed numbers and are running within budget. Have brought in slightly more income than projected. There will be some additional expenditures related to purchasing culverts, cold patch and gravel. We may be getting some salvaged culverts from Fisher.
- 7) Discussion Items
  - a. Sewer Road Repair –Repaired streets have issues related to sinking will and need to be addressed.
  - b. Snow plowing – Reviewed with budget. Discussed 2/24 (5-7 inches expected with mixture over weekend) pending snowfall strategy. Used most recent snowfall to identify areas for improvement going forward. Some issues were brought forward related to hard frozen snow and first pass town cleanup. With last snowfall, village snowplow had breakdown which impacted village removal. As a result, Joe’s removal effort was made more difficult. We will use this as a learning experience to improve operating plans going forward.
  - c. Sidewalks – Need to begin developing strategy for 2011-2012.
  - d. Street signs – Ordered sample, due in anytime.
  - e. Lincoln Street extension – discussed options. See 5d above.
  - f. Citizen complaint(s)



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- i. Snow removal complaint (Gary) who wants us to adjust removal strategy to remove Seminary mailboxes to route 150 due to blockage after county comes through. This would greatly assist in helping him with his route.
  - ii. Mindy (snow mobile) – This issue related to running through area late night/early AM going behind her house creating a nuisance. Chapter 8 ordinance was referenced and formal SASC submitted complaint to Mike Sumner
  - iii. Cari (Street Concerns/Suggestions) – Huff road issues, railroad crossings, overpass. Very well written positive e-mail from concerned citizen. SASC (Paul) will follow up with her in the coming weeks to encourage additional involvement.
  - g. SAS Plan – Paul/Wes are developing Vision of Streets committee
  - h. Street Ordinance Review (Chapter 8) – tabled
- 8) Action Items
- a. Approval for equipment purchase – we will need trash pump, and would like members to consider purchasing snowplow in near future.
- 9) New Business and planned work for next month
- a. Gravel – We need to stock up on gravel and start filling low spots in street. Discussed some ideas on obtaining cheaper gravel (ie pooling purchases with other surrounding communities).
  - b. Budget Planning and MFT – This will begin in the coming weeks to assess the coming year. We will need to plan budget review during next meeting.
- 10) Meeting adjourned – 8:07 pm