



Village of Downs

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August 2009 Committee Meeting

When: August 27th, 2009
Where: Village Hall
Time: 7:00 pm CST

Agenda

- 1) Call to order and pledge – 7:09 pm
- 2) Recognition of visitors – None
- 3) Current activity since last meeting
 - a. Seal Coating: Completed, however, clarification required regarding the starting point of seal coating on Huff Rd. approximately 50' from bridge over Kickapoo.
 - b. Roadside edge cutting: Completed, but more gravel or cold patch may be needed on cut edges of Huff Rd. where seal coat did not cover to prevent washout.
- 4) Action items
 - a. Develop sidewalk work plan for 2009: Areas being looked at –
 - i. West side of Lincoln Street from Washington to the alley.
 - ii. East side of Lincoln from Grove to Garfield.
 - iii. West side of Seminary Street in front of Businesses near the entrance to Farmers Market parking lot. Need to fix broken tile and replace 2 sections of sidewalk.
 - iv. W Washington Street across the Methodist church parking lot.
 - b. Develop Winter Road Maintenance Contract for 2009: Reviewed draft and added “Operations” section to contract draft. Mike James will talk to the lawyer regarding the reduction in performance bond % required and getting it reviewed/approved by Village Board. However, this may allow enough time so discussion was also held to renew contract with Joe Eades Trucking and bid next year with new contract.
 - c. Develop list of work for the seasonal maintenance worker:
 - i. Miscellaneous Mowing
 - ii. Trim Trees and Shrubs
 - iii. Replacement of signs
 - iv. Culvert Cleaning
 - v. Fill pot holes with cold patch or white rock
 - vi. Other work as needed.



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- d. Develop list of new stop sign locations. Areas recommended –
 - i. New Stop signs at Harvey Rd. and Fox Run (3-way stop)
 - ii. Huff Rd and N. Pintail (3-way stop)
 - iii. W. Main and Pintail (4-way stop)
 - iv. Washington and Price (4-way stop)
 - e. Develop weight limit ordinance: Committee recommends an 18,000 lb within Village Limits. Will need to complete an ordinance for Village Board approval. Approximately 9 new signs required and replacement of older existing signs. Those business' that need to exceed this limit will need to apply for a variance.
- 5) Discussion items
- a. Volunteers working for the village: To be addressed at next Village meeting on Thursday September 3rd 2009.
 - b. Speed bump requests: Contact Don Rutledge w/ Farnsworth or County for requirements on adding stop signs and possibly speed humps on North Pintail between Huff and Main.
 - c. Lowering the speed limit: Committee looking to establish a 25 M.P.H. on all roads within the Village limits. Contact Farnsworth or County for how-to accomplish.
 - d. Better/missing signage: McLean County qualifies for a sign replacement grant and Downs will get up to \$25k to replace signs and poles.
 - e. Street light outages or not working: Mike went over reported outages and other he found. Will be called into Ameren.
 - f. Overgrown lots/trees/brush obstructing view: Watch for lots where this needs to be addressed.
 - g. Planning (Short, Mid, Long Range): Tabled for action at a subsequent meeting.
- 6) Other New Business
- 7) Meeting adjourned : 9:05 pm