



Village of Downs

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Report For June 2009

I have received several inquires to be on this committee. I am going to post it another month in accordance with the updated ordinance.

Again, I am asking for volunteers that will represent subdivisions or areas of town. Plus, I need a clerk that will record meeting minutes and post the monthly meeting agenda. Meetings will be held at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

Committee's purpose, subject to change, is to establish direction and funding for all projects pertaining to streets, alleys and sidewalks within the Village of Downs.

The following summarizes the activity completed since the last Village Board Meeting.

- 1) Temporary "Road Closed: Local traffic only" barracades were put up to detour traffic from using Main and Huff.
- 2) Direction signs for Bloomington and Downs were put up by the county and state.
- 3) Increased police presence to slow and detour traffic. Many tickets were written.
- 4) Sent article to LeRoy Mayor to publish in the paper a plea to use the alternate route.
- 5) Completed patch work on Main street and over the road on N. Pintail where the water main work was completed.
- 6) We are working to complete culvert work started on Cleveland. The culverts will be covered over and finished like it is on the West side of the street to eliminate erosion of the ditch and add parking for residents.
- 7) Ameron called to let me know that we would be charged to move the street light from the old entrance of 800N to the new entrance. Mike will be talking with IDOT further about why this wasn't moved with the original work.
- 8) A request was sent to NICOR about the sink hole on W Main and Gadwell, but haven't received a response.
- 9) Extensive chipping was done to try and keep up with the bleeding on Huff Rd, Harvey Rd and other streets within the Village.
- 10) Seal Coat Streets bids were received. Low bidder is the same company doing the seal coating for Old Town Township.
- 11) Requested that the wild flowers in the ditch between N Gadwell and N Pintail be cut down and removed. Homeowner agreed to take care of it.
- 12) Asked for bids from two companies to reshape the ditches from N Gadwell to N Pintail to the retention area. Bids not received yet. Will seek others that are qualified.
- 13) Asked for bids from two companies to reshape the ditches on S Gadwell. Bids not received yet. Will seek others that are qualified.
- 14) Received a bid for snow removal from Joe Eades Trucking.
- 15) Bills are coming for cold-patch, 3/8" chip, culvert T's, bands and culvert piping. We were able to use 2 culverts already purchased by the village for work on Cleveland.

I would like to appeal to the resources in town that have knowledge and ability to volunteer in helping get this work done a lot faster. Please give me a call if you would like to offer your assistance.

I would again like to continue to stress and ask that we all help to keep the ditches clear of garbage, leaves and debris so that it doesn't clog up culvert's and make them any worse and ultimately, over time, cost the Village more money.

In your Service,
Mike James

Ordinance of the Month

Chapter 4 (Public Health Regulations), Article III, Section 4: It shall be unlawful to cause or permit open burning within the Village limits of the Village of Downs, provided however, grass, leaves, brush, tree limbs, other natural products, and clean paper products may be burned on private property during daylight hours under the supervision of the owner or lawful occupant thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be unlawful to build or light any fire so close to a building or structure as to endanger such building or structure or to build or light any fire on any public street, sidewalk or other right-of-way.