



Village of Downs

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Report For February 2010

The monthly committee meeting was held on February 25th. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

Chairman's Message:

February was another big month for snow removal expenditures. We are now at 128% of our budget for removal and 89% for salt (although we had 24 tons of salt left over from last year). So we are doing good on salt. The request for next year's salt order came this week, so we will putting in the same order that we have used for as far back I can tell, as it appears to be a good yearly estimate.

I am working with Mr. Soeldner on the McLean County Board to determine our next steps or what we can do to comply with the 2015 retroreflectivity mandate without having to pull \$2,000/year from our MFT budget. In addition, we have to start working on compliance with the 2018 retroreflectivity manadate for all other signs. These haven't been inventoried, but I have estimated this to be around 100 signs.

As for MFT, we have carried over all the projects that didn't get completed last year because of the 3 month delay, in the summer, from doing any street work with volunteers and the township. However, I am still going to ask for your projects and ideas for submission to our MFT budget for 2010-2011. Please give me a call, email, or drop off at the Village Hall your thoughts.

We now have a trash pump that we can use to pump water out of the field tile on Cleveland Street during heavy rain fall. The pump needs some accessories, including hoses and a cart to roll it around.

In your Service,

Mike James - Village of Downs Trustee and Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee Chair

Committee purpose:

To establish planning and funding for all projects pertaining to streets, alleys and sidewalks within the Village of Downs.

Committee Recommendation(s):

- 1) Use MFT sign money for missing street signs and will return 4 new plain stop signs for 4 with retro reflective coating.
- 2) Look for cart and hoses for the trash pump.
- 3) Request Les get his CDL license.
- 4) Ask Mr Eades to put down more salt on corners of W Washington and Seminary and W Main and Seminary where the sun doesn't melt the snow by the stop signs.
- 5) Method for residents who want dirt and wood from the sewer construction to be able to request it.

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

- 1) Finished clearing/cleanup of South Huff Rd.
- 2) Finsihed removal of old signs and misplaced signs.
- 3) Contine to met with school to build an Illinois Safe Routes Plan for 2010.

Planned work for next month:

- 1) Fill holes with cold patch and rock as weather allows.
- 2) Order white rock for spring projects.
- 3) Start work on culverts and ditches on Kickapoo Dr, Main St, and Gadwall when/if weather allows.
- 4) Complete ditch and culvert work on east side of S. Price St when/if weather allows.
- 5) Send Les to larvaside application training

Ordinance of the Month

Chapter 4, Article II, Section 3: No garbage or refuse of any kind shall be deposited in any street, alley or public way and no such refuse shall be placed that is can be blown about or scattered by the wind.