

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report For July 2010

No June meeting was held. 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:

Heat, vacations, volunteer availability and sewer construction have limited and slowed work within the Village over the last month.

We did have our roads chipped as needed due to sewer construction and heat. The light is at the end of the tunnel for the Huff Road restoration. That will be occurring over the next few weeks. It was very difficult to imagine what the sewer construction was going to be like and what it was going to do to the roads. We now have a good idea and may postpone all seal coat work this year due to sewer construction and focus on improving streets as they are put back together.

I hope to start moving forward with the Illinois Safe Routes Program during August I would encourage those that have a concern to get involved with helping to create a plan that will get chosen. You can contact Lori Aldridge or myself to get involved with this subcommittee. Other planned and approved changes are the reduction in the overall speed limit through-out the village streets to 25 mph and additional stop signs (where possible). These changes will be implemented over the next 4-5 years because of budget constraints and sewer installation.

Finally, we will start asking/looking for interest in snow plow contract this winter. The Streets Committee will work to gather requirements for a company to bid on this contract. The company may/will need to work with our part-time employee.

Financial High-Level Plan for FY2010 Street Funds:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Road and Bridge Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$ 28,512.51
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$ 3,468.33
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 6,516.17
Percent of 2010 budget	12.2%

Motor Fuel Tax Fund as of EOM		
Description	FY2010 Budget	
Motor Fuel Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$27,056.28	
Motor Fuel Expenses	\$ 926.91	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 3,926.44	
Percent of 2010 budget	3.7%	

Please call me at (309) 830-7374 to discuss your ANY of your concerns.

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) Street sign design recommendations black on white

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

- 1) Cold patch edges and holes
- 2) Cut down trees on Shaffer Drive.
- 3) Road chipping as needed for bleeding streets

Planned work for next month:

- 1) Remove the heaving sidewalk along Lincoln, broken unused sidewalk on W. Main and S Lincoln.
- 2) Continue to fill holes with cold patch and rock as weather allows.
- 3) Other alleys need to be scraped and gravel added.
- 4) Complete other ditch and culvert cleanout work.