



Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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Street Report for December 2010

Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm with the purpose of establishing planning and funding for all projects pertaining to streets, alleys and sidewalks within the Village of Downs. Our next meeting will be January 29th, 2010.

Chairman's Message:

Every week I drive the streets at least once during the day and then again at night, some things I don't catch and ask that you report them to me one of several ways:

1. Email to me
2. Phone call to me
3. Citizen compliant form (bad name, i know)
4. Talk to a streets committee member

Most often i need to address them, but one common item doesn't always need to be reported. If you have a street light outage, please let me know and also call it into Ameron. Sometimes they are quick to respond and other times it may take a week. However, several things i have noticed that i would to report at the village level before addressing at the individual level.

1. Please make sure that all trash from litterbugs and trash pickup is cleaned up in your yard and ditch.
- 2.

December we saw record snowfall from two storms that consumed over 50% of our snow removal MFT budget. snow plowing for the village is handled by utilizing our village employee to keep the roads open until the snow accumulation slows down. Then Joe edes trucking will come into town to clean up and apply salt. Subsequent cleanup can occur with either the village or Joe edes trucking. If you have any issues, please report them using one of the above methods because we are contracted with Joe edes trucking for our snow removal and i need to work with him to address any problems/issues/questions that arise.

We continue to do well with our budget, but these large snowfalls have me and committee concerned. I have been in contact ith our MFT folks to determine if the state has released emergency funding or how we be able to handle our potential overage.

The committee made several recommendations this month. First, we are going to start planning the purchase/lease of a tractor. Second, we asked the Village Board to set a deadline of the spring for completion of the roads within the Farmland Subdivision. Mr. Misch would like to use the same company that Stark uses in the spring to fix the roads. This should work out as the sewer is scheduled for completion in April/May, which around the same time the committee wanted them completed.

Finally, I continue to work toward extending Lincoln St to Shaffer Drive and putting in a sidewalk from Gadwall to the RR tracks along the north side of Main St. Engineering plans and estimates are being drawn up for the both the Lincoln St extension and the sidewalk and I have been in touch with the RR trying to find the right resource.

Financial High-Level Plan for FY2010 Street Funds:

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Budget Road and Bridge Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$28,532.51
Road and Bridge Expenses	\$8,345.99
Net Income (Loss)	\$9,896.59
Percent of 2010 budget	29.37%

Motor Fuel Tax Fund as of EOM	
Description	FY2010 Budget
Budget Motor Fuel Tax + FY2009 Balance	\$29,056.38
Motor Fuel Expenses	\$1,466.26
Net Income (Loss)	\$13,290.44
Percent of 2010 budget	5.82%

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 Recommendation(s):

- 1) Purchase of a tractor



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- 2) Request board to set a deadline for the completion of the roads within the Farmland Subdivision.

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

- 1) Put up new signs
- 2) Remove the heaving sidewalk along N. Lincoln, broken unused sidewalk on W. Main, Garfield and S Lincoln.
- 3) Marked ditches in case weather allowed us to work...did not complete the Pintail ditch work.

Planned work for next month:

- 1) Snow Removal.
- 2) Order and put up new signs