

# ZIONSVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT

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STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT  
ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 2009

1. **106<sup>TH</sup> ST. REALIGNMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION**

At the last meeting of the Economic Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting, discussion continued on two topics regarding the proposed names of the new streets once complete. Through discussions with Public Safety officials, it has been determined that the optimal name configuration is to name the new alignment "106<sup>th</sup> St." and rename the old alignment "Old 106<sup>th</sup> St." This will provide clarity and consistency to the 911 system, yet not completely eradicate the identity of the homes and businesses located along the old alignment of 106<sup>th</sup> St. At this time a name has not yet been assigned to the north-south connector road between the old and new alignments, but discussion will continue at the next RDC meeting. Also up for continued discussion will be the position of the commission on potential funding being made to residents and owners to compensate them for the inconvenience of affecting address changes associated with a new street name.

2. **STARKEY PATHWAY**

Scheduling issues and weather have delayed the placement of the asphalt. The contractor is currently scheduling the asphalt paving subcontractor to get on the job as soon as possible.

3. **DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT**

A bid opening was held last week for this project with six contractors submitting bids. The unedited results as reflected in the sum totals provided by the contractors are summarized below:

Firm	Base Bid Amount
Reith-Riley Construction	\$693,294.68
Oles Engineering	\$715,293.68
Snider Group	\$724,397.10
E&B Paving	\$762,562.62
Hunt Paving	\$780,336.38
Calumet Paving	\$891,849.00

The initial budgetary estimate of funds needed for this project was \$770,000. At the time of the budget preparation for 2009, it was determined that the estimated year end balance of the Food & Beverage (F&B) Tax fund would not be sufficient to cover the construction costs of this project. Accordingly, \$506,700 was allocated within the normal operating funds of the Street Department to supplement the F&B Fund. Now that construction bids have been received, the anticipated additional monies from the F&B fund must be appropriated in order for the project to begin, including a contingency factor. Since the bid opening occurred after the deadline for publication of an additional appropriation hearing,

staff will prepare such a resolution for action at the next Council meeting. In the interim, contract paperwork will be submitted and prepared so that a Notice to Proceed can be issued immediately following the June Town Council meeting, thus beginning the time restraints for project completion by the contractor.

4. **SR 334 AND TURKEYFOOT PATHWAY DESIGNS**

The surveys for both projects have been completed. Once the preliminary information garnered from the surveys has been reviewed by Town staff, a public meeting for each project will be scheduled to take input.

5. **STORMWATER SURVEY**

The area-wide stormwater household survey being conducted through a partnership with the Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA) is nearly complete. Preliminary results indicate a very favorable return rate for the community of Zionsville, with 146 out of 336 surveys returned for a return rate of 43.5%. This is the highest return rate of the participating communities.

6. **STORMWATER COMMITTEE FOR UTILITY CREATION**

The third meeting of the stormwater committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Fireplace Room of the Town Hall. Discussion will focus on the appropriate methodology for assessing stormwater fees, and may constitute the final meeting of the committee, unless further discussion is deemed necessary. Final action on the creation of the utility will be left to the Town Council, and it is expected that this will appear as an agenda item in late 2009 or early 2010.

7. **HEAVY TRASH COLLECTION**

Heavy trash collection for this season is on-going this week. Several changes to this program process and schedule are occurring this year. The collection day for residents is the same as their regularly scheduled trash pick-up, and items should be placed curbside as in the past. Additionally, there will be no charge for refrigerant-bearing appliances. The Town has partnered with an appliance recycling service to collect these items on the specified date at no charge to either the town or residents. A \$3.00 fee for tire removal, however, will remain and pre-paid stickers will be available at the town hall throughout the week. Due to the new streamlined and simplified process, green marking flags will no longer be required.

8. **MICHIGAN RD. / WILLOW RD. INTERSECTION**

The engineering firm of Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC continues to work with staff and INDOT in the preparation of a permit application to install pedestrian crossing signals at this intersection. If approved by INDOT, the signals will be installed and the pathway completed on the east side of Michigan Rd.

9. **UWRWA BOARD POSITION**

Earlier this year the Town of Zionsville executed an agreement with the UWRWA to provide certain products and services relative to Zionsville's Phase II NPDES permit activities. As part of this agreement, the Town is eligible for election to one of the thirteen (13) positions on the Board of Directors of this organization. The nominating committee has met and would like to see the Town of Zionsville represented on the Board. The position is held by the member entity, i.e. the Town, and that entity is able to assign its participating individual board member. Due to recent bylaw changes and staggered terms, this position is for two years

of the regular three-year term, and meetings are held quarterly. The UWRWA has requested Zionsville's relative interest in this position by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**10. 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR BUDGET REPORT**

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget report for 2009 has been submitted. There are three items of note, the primary one being the cost overrun for wintertime salt. Salt prices were not known at the time of budget preparation, and subsequently the Town experienced a 117% price increase over 2008. This fact, coupled with higher demand due to weather conditions has resulted in over-expenditure in this line item. To combat this, the State of Indiana is allowing local public agencies to participate in the INDOT state-wide salt bid process. Accordingly, information has been submitted to the state for inclusion in the bid process, but results are not known at this time.

The second item of note is the Starkey Pathway project. Due to modifications made to portions of the project to fortify a retaining wall, it is expected that costs will increase for the project.

Finally, the state has mandated a \$4939 reduction in the Local Road and Street (LR&S) fund. However, this issue is being addressed in this month's Council meeting, restoring the full amount via un-appropriated funds already contained within the LR&S fund.

It is expected that all of the aforementioned issues will be able to be accommodated within the limits of the 2009 budget. At this time no additional appropriations appear to be necessary.