

# ZIONSVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT

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## STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MAY 5, 2008

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

As reported last month, INDOT has submitted to the Town a services contract outlining the roles and responsibilities of each entity for the federally funded portion of the 106<sup>th</sup> St. project. A revised draft with corrected project costs as well as amended language and references noted by the Town Attorney has been provided from INDOT, which was emailed to the Council last Friday. All requested changes have been incorporated with the exception of the reference in Paragraph 9 of Attachment B wherein INDOT has, at their sole discretion, the ability to remove or supplement the duties of the selected construction observation firm and require the Town to pay for said additional services. INDOT has stood firm that this language must remain in the contract. However, this has not happened on any project with which our design engineers are familiar, and should construction observation activities not satisfy INDOT, the Town would have some recourse under the contract in which it has entered with Beam, Longest and Neff for construction observation.

In order for this project to move forward, this contract must be executed in its current form as presented this evening. Therefore, I request that the Town Council approve this agreement, and authorize President Price to execute it on your behalf.

### 2. **STARKEY PATHWAY**

As reported to the Council previously via email, this project is currently on hold while issues with a large wall constructed on the Manchester Square site are addressed and a solution developed. Our proposed pathway route is below said wall, and noticeable signs of movement in the wall have been observed. Accordingly, the Town's design engineer is consulting the block manufacturer and the developer to determine an appropriate course of action. Work on the remainder of the project is continuing to every extent possible.

### 3. **WILLOW RD. PROJECT**

Work has resumed on this project, and the asphalt has been placed on the pathway. The contractor is currently finishing grading, restoration, fencing on the approaches to the new pedestrian bridge and other punch-list items.

### 4. **HEAVY TRASH COLLECTION**

The annual heavy trash collection service has been scheduled for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>. Residents may check the Town web site or contact the Street Department for their specific day of collection. Although this is a free service, there are fees to dispose of tires and any refrigerant-bearing appliance. Those fees remain the same as last year, specifically \$7.00 and \$35.00, respectively. Pre-paid stickers are required to dispose of these items, and are available at the

Town Hall, along with green flags to be placed with items to be disposed of at curbside.

**5. 1<sup>st</sup> QTR BUDGET REPORT**

This year's first quarter budget report has been submitted, and projects under-spending by approximately \$40,000 within the Street Department for 2008. Two line items currently showing a deficit are due to heavier than anticipated salt needed treat public streets. Past years averaged 460 tons of salt annually, and this season required 784 tons, the most ever by the Town. Additionally, nationwide salt reserves ran low due to a more severe winter season, and when salt could be located it was at a premium once committed reserves were depleted. Tracking along with increased material, the overtime line item is also a result of the additional time required to mitigate snow and ice conditions.

The anticipated overage in the engineering line item is due to the need to survey streets for the annual street repair program, an activity not normally performed. Last year's 2007 sewer rehab program repaired the sanitary sewers under both north 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. This action, compounded by a harsh winter has resulted in the necessity to completely rebuild these two streets beginning in 2008. Accordingly, it is necessary to survey the street segments, and it is more economical to have survey crews mobilize to an area only once. Although this will result in an increase in 2008 design costs, it will save the Town approximately \$15,000 by combining the two streets when surveying and designing the rehabilitations. These additional costs can be absorbed within the current budget.

End of Report