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To: Public Works Committee  
Through: Carl Goldsmith, Public Works Director *CJ*  
From: Keith J. Surges, Operations Superintendent *KJS*  
Date: October 8, 2009  
RE: Decreasing the number of locations for Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal

The Public Works Department has been looking at reducing expenses within the budget for Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal. Over the past few years the cost to have the sidewalks cleared has almost doubled the original budgeted amount. In FY2008 the budget was \$35,000.00 and the actual cost ended up at \$85,781.25 and for FY2009 the budgeted amount was \$53,980.00 and actual expenditures were \$87,810.00. Staff has identified several locations we have the contractor clear sidewalks at which will reduced from 29 locations or 17,540 lineal feet of sidewalk down to 15 locations or 12,395 lineal feet. These changes would give an estimated 35% savings in costs annually.

Staff has checked the Village ordinances to see what could possibly be removed and can not removed form this list. Staff cannot find rationale for several of the locations that are not connected, related or adjacent to municipal or public properties. The following ordinance which only covers commercial properties is the only ordinance currently on the books:

**§ 97.004 SNOW REMOVAL.**

Every person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association in charge or control of any commercial building or lot within the village fronting or abutting on a public sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed and cleared away snow and ice from a path at least 36 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as in front or abuts on said commercial building or lot of land. Snow and ice shall be so removed within 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain; provided, however, in the event snow and ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without damaging the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall within said 24-hour period cause enough sand, salt, or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel thereon reasonably safe and shall as soon thereafter as weather permits cause a 36-inch path in said sidewalk to be cleared.

('70 Code, § 12.24.045) (Ord. 2365, passed 2-14-80)

Therefore, staff is requesting to eliminate the following list of locations from the snow and ice sidewalk clearing list:

- #14 Sidewalk running between 268 and 310 W. Central and the Glenbard East High School Property.
- #15 Sidewalk on 332 W. Windsor Ave. Preferred School Route to Parkview School.
- #16 Sidewalk on St. Charles Rd. north side from Glenview Ave. to West Rd. Preferred School Route to Parkview School.
- #17 Commuter & School Route over IPP at Lincoln St.
- #18 Finley Rd. and Pinebrook Dr. School Crossing.
- #22 Sidewalk across from Eastgate Shopping Center behind guardrail.
- #24 Shopping Route sidewalk between Park Rd and Main St.
- #25 St. Charles Rd. (East)
- #26 St. Charles Rd. (East)
- #27 St. Charles Rd. (East)

The following 3 locations will be cleared by the Public Works Department with the purchase of a snow blower mounted on a tractor.

- #12 Echo Pond School Route.
- #13 Glenbard East H.S. Route.
- #20 Village Hall Complex Perimeter sidewalks.

The equipment we are recommending would be a Utility vehicle with a snow blower mounted on the front end narrow enough to fit on the sidewalk with limited damage to the adjacent landscaping. The cost to purchase a piece of equipment to enable Public Works staff to remove snow from the sidewalks in the 3 areas would be \$26,000.00.