



MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SNOWPLOWING SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, December 13, 2024

11:00 AM

Village Hall – 21 East Church Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362

(248) 693-8391 ext. 102

ADDRESSING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL: Each person wishing to address the village council shall be afforded an opportunity to do so. If you wish to comment, please stand or raise a hand to indicate that you wish to speak. When recognized, give your name and address and direct your comments to the Chair.

1. Call to Order

The December 13th, 2024 Village Council Special Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT :

Council member Michael Lamb
Council member George Dandalides
Council member Alex Comparoni Jr

STAFF PRESENT:

DPW Director Wes Sanchez
Police Chief Mark Amundson

3. Election of Chairman & Recoding Secretary

Motion: Motion made by Councilman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Comparoni to elect George Dandalides to preside as Chairman and Recording Secretary

Motion carried by (3) Yes, (0) No.

George Dandalides was elected to preside as Chairman and Recording Secretary of the subcommittee.

4. Call to the Public

The following residents were in attendance and addressed the subcommittee:

Dorothy Butler 540 Longpointe Drive
William Martin 548 Longpointe Drive
Mike Biers 592 Longpointe Drive

Their comments included:

- Although there were only three Longpointe residents in attendance, they represented the 27 residents that signed the petition presented at the December 9 regular council meeting.
- They represent the 23 homes on Longpointe.
- They are concerned they are not receiving the same services as all the other secondary streets in a timely manner. (Park Island, North Shore, Central, etc.)
- They felt the Longpointe Road conditions following the December 4th snowfall created unsafe icy conditions and the village DPW was non-responsive to calls made on December 5th and 6th.
- There were both persons with disabilities and elderly residents on Longpointe.
- They feel the snowplowing and salting of Longpointe has deteriorated over the past four to five years.

5. Snowplow & Ice Process - Lake Orion Village

Subcommittee Chairman Dandalides reviewed the purpose of the meeting:

- Review the current “Village of Lake Orion Snowplowing Procedure”
- Brainstorm opportunities to provide better and more consistent service to all residents of the village including main, secondary, and dead-end roads.
- Desired outcome – incorporate any revisions into a revised policy to be presented to Village Council at the next regular meeting scheduled for January 13, 2025.

DPW Director Sanchez reviewed the current Village of Lake Orion Snow Plowing Procedure:

The following “opportunities” were identified for consideration in potential policy revisions:

- We have a “Snow/Ice Control Call In Protocol” posted on our village website, however we haven’t posted anything similar for operations during normal business hours. Should we?
- Our “Snow/Ice Control Call In Protocol” does not identify major and secondary roads specifically. An additional map would be helpful.
- Our “Snow/Ice Control Call In Protocol” does not make any reference to frequency. During a snowfall, how often would we expect to see a plow or salt?
- Is there an opportunity to be more proactive utilizing our police department? Does our police department conduct routine patrols of all streets and could they report unsafe conditions to the DPW proactively?
- Should the policy consider drifting?
- We no longer have our own village dispatch, so we need to consider how Oakland County Dispatch plays in.
- Need to identify major (and hazard areas) and secondary roads – map.
- Consider single lane roads.
- Is the role of the police department up to date?
- Should we have a designation of “hazard roads” – hills?

“Opportunities”, continued:

- Policy should allow a certain amount of discretion so the DPW can maximize effectiveness.
- Consider emergency priority.
- Bus routes
- We need to have specific citizen reporting process for call in – what phone number should residents call and what response should they expect.

The following “Next Steps” were identified:

- Village Staff (Sanchez and Amundson) to get with Village Manager for his direction.
- Our goal is to have a recommendation ready to take to Village Council at the next regular council meeting on January 13, 2025.
- Plan for follow-up Wednesday January 8th 10:00am.

6. Call to the Public

There were no other public comments

7. Council Comments

There were no additional council comments

8. DPW Director, Police Chief Comments

There were no additional staff comments

9. Adjournment

Motion: Motion made by Councilman Comparoni, seconded by Councilman Lamb to adjourn

Motion carried by (3) Yes, (0) No.

The meeting was adjourned by Subcommittee Chairman Dandalides at 12:20 PM









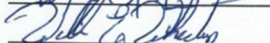

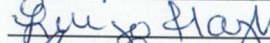
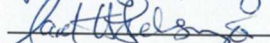

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Village, at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations. The Village of Lake Orion will provide foreign language or hearing impaired interpretation services for those individuals who contact the village to request such services at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

En el espíritu de la observancia de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, las personas con discapacidad debe sentirse libre para ponerse en contacto con el pueblo, por lo menos tres (3) días hábiles de antelación a la fecha de la reunión, si se solicitan alojamiento. El municipio de Lake Orion proporcionará idioma extranjero o personas con problemas de audición servicios de interpretación para las personas que se ponen en contacto con el pueblo de solicitar dichos servicios con no menos de siete (7) días antes de la reunión.

Information Presented to Village Council by residents of Longpointe on December 9, 2024


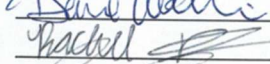
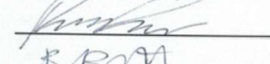
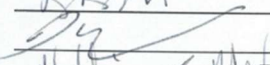
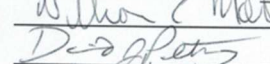
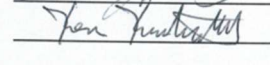
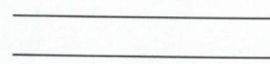
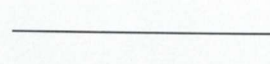
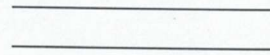
We, the residents of Longpointe Drive, are reaching out to the Village of Lake Orion Council to amend the current Snow and Ice Protocol **recently** adopted by the Lake Orion DPW.

We are high tax paying Village/Township residents with 23 homes on our street. We should be receiving the same services as all other secondary streets (ie: Park Island, North Shore, Central, etc.) in the same timely manner.

Name:	Signature:	Address:
Mary T- Bires	Mary T. Bires	592 Longpointe Dr.
Brent DeLann		576 LONGPOINTE DR
Sarah DeClark		576 LONG POINTE DR
Amy Przygoda		584 Longpointe Dr.
Craig Przygoda		" " "
Renee Hays		604 Longpointe Dr.
Paul Hays		604 Longpointe Dr.
Jennifer Remondini		580 Longpointe Dr.
Steve Remondini		580 Longpointe Dr.
Mike Bires		592 " "
William Whedon		560 Longpointe Dr
Jeff Franchese		572/Longpointe Dr
Lori Jo Haugher		572/Longpointe-Dr
Sarah H. Luchinger		568 Longpointe Drive

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Name:	Signature:	Address:
Brad Luchinger		568 Longpointe Dr
David Williams		588 Longpointe Dr.
Bachel Redmond		616 Longpointe Dr.
Pavel Boychev		616 Longpointe Dr.
Ryan Binner		410 Longpointe
Deaf Butler		610 Longpointe
William C. Martin		548 Longpointe
DAVID PETOSKEY		600 Longpointe DR
Ken Kutehek		576 Longpointe Dr.

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Name:

Signature:

Address:

Mary T- Bires

Dorothy Butler

JEFFREY BUTLER

Robert Butler

Suzanne Butler

Mary T. Bires

Dorothy Butler

Jeffrey Butler

Robert Butler

Suzanne Butler

592 Longpointe Dr.

578 Longpointe Dr.

540 LONGPOINTE

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5:19



Linda



Today 4:40PM

Mary, make a copy of this text to attach to the road clearing petition.

Ron and Linda Roy homeowners of 512 Longpointe Drive Lake Orion MI 48362 agree with the petition to have our street cleaned of snow the same as other side streets in Lake Orion.

I will thank you

3:33



Syd



Elizabeth and Sydney Ross homeowner's of 504 Longpointe Drive Lake Orion, MI 48362 agree with the petition to have our street cleaned of snow the same as other side streets in Lake Orion.

Thanks



Longpointe Drive
Thursday 12/5/2024 no
Snowplowing called Village



Longpointe Drive
12/6/2024 – total sheet of ice
called Village nobody came



Longpointe Drive
12/6/2024 – total sheet of ice
called Village nobody came

Note: I called both Thursday and Friday, especially Friday since our road was totally unsafe with a sheet of ice. Nobody came to salt or plow.



Department of Public Works

Date: 12/12/14

To: Village Council & Darwin McClary, Village Manager

From: Jeremy Richert, Director of Public Works

RE: Snow Removal Procedure

In the event of a snow storm I will have a crew of four guys in at 4am or earlier depending on the snow storm time and totals. One of our dump trucks starts here in town on the major streets. Another dump truck starts out on the islands, generally Bellevue first as it tends to get much worse blow over. Then we have two small trucks with front plows start on the parking and parking lots in the downtown area. Once the parking and parking lots are done in the downtown area, those two crew members will then begin on removing snow from the sidewalks. At that time a fifth guy will be pushing back corners and dead ends with a front plow.

Depending on the amount of snowfall that we receive, additional snow removal is required. The additional snow removal consist of hauling the snow out of the downtown area and out to Eastlawn Cemetery. How this process will be handled is with three crew members. The following day of the storm I will have two crew members in at 4am, each in a tractor, and pulling snow off of the sidewalks. They will remove the snow from the sidewalks and pile it at the outer corners of downtown. At 5am another crew member will come in and together the three crew members will have two tractors and two dump trucks downtown. The third crew member will be running truck after truck out to the cemetery to dump as the tractors fill them.

This system is generally how it has also been done in the past with a few minor changes. I am implementing and working on the minor changes, and predict that these will help snow removal operations run more smoothly and efficient.

Best Regards,
Jeremy Richert
Director of Public Works
Village of Lake Orion

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• RichertJ@lakeorion.org

Jeff Sears 2012

Village Snow & Ice removal protocol

- On overtime, contact PD Dispatch upon arrival to let them know we responded and contact them when you leave to let them know you are done.
- In all instances, Major streets and school routes shall be cleared of snow and ice first (Flint, Broadway, and Atwater etc.)
 - (See Major St. map)
- All hills will be done 2nd (West Point, Central Etc.)
- Local St. and dead ends will be done next.
- Your first priority is to open the streets for emergency vehicle access.
 - If your job is to keep the roads open during a long snow event, doing some local roads at 3 am may not be a priority however they must be reasonably maintained for emergency vehicle access until the snow event is over.
- Streets will be widened after all have been cleared of the bulk of snow.
- After a snowfall, if the plowing is done and you are driving through town and notice and street can be plowed wider, drop your plow and do it while you are there.
- Corners will be pushed back last opening intersections and making sure corner snow piles do interrupt clear vision for drivers and safe passage through sidewalks for pedestrians.
- Maintain a safe speed (often under the speed limit) and obey all traffic laws, lights and signs.
- While plowing downtown on weekends, stop at Village Hall and check the sidewalks. Also clear and snow from the Flint and Broadway corners.

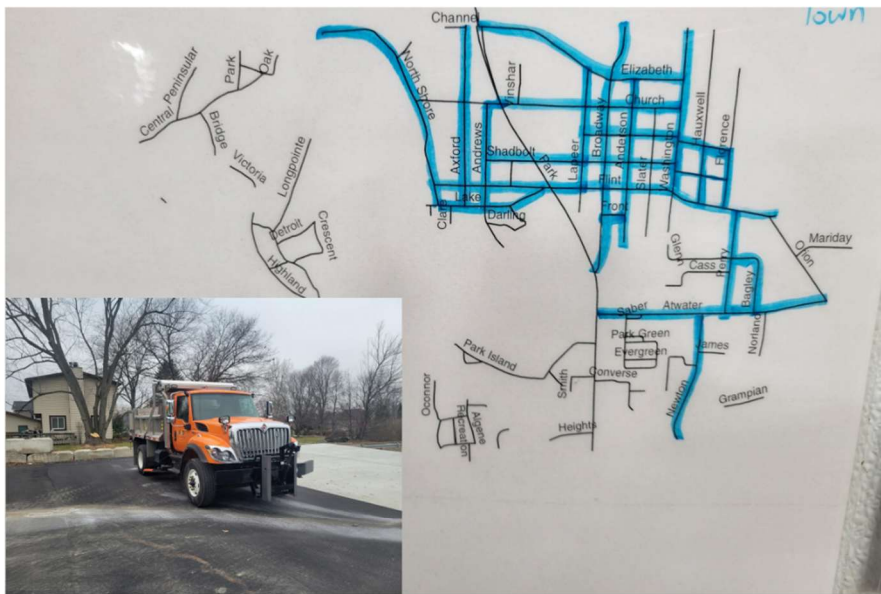
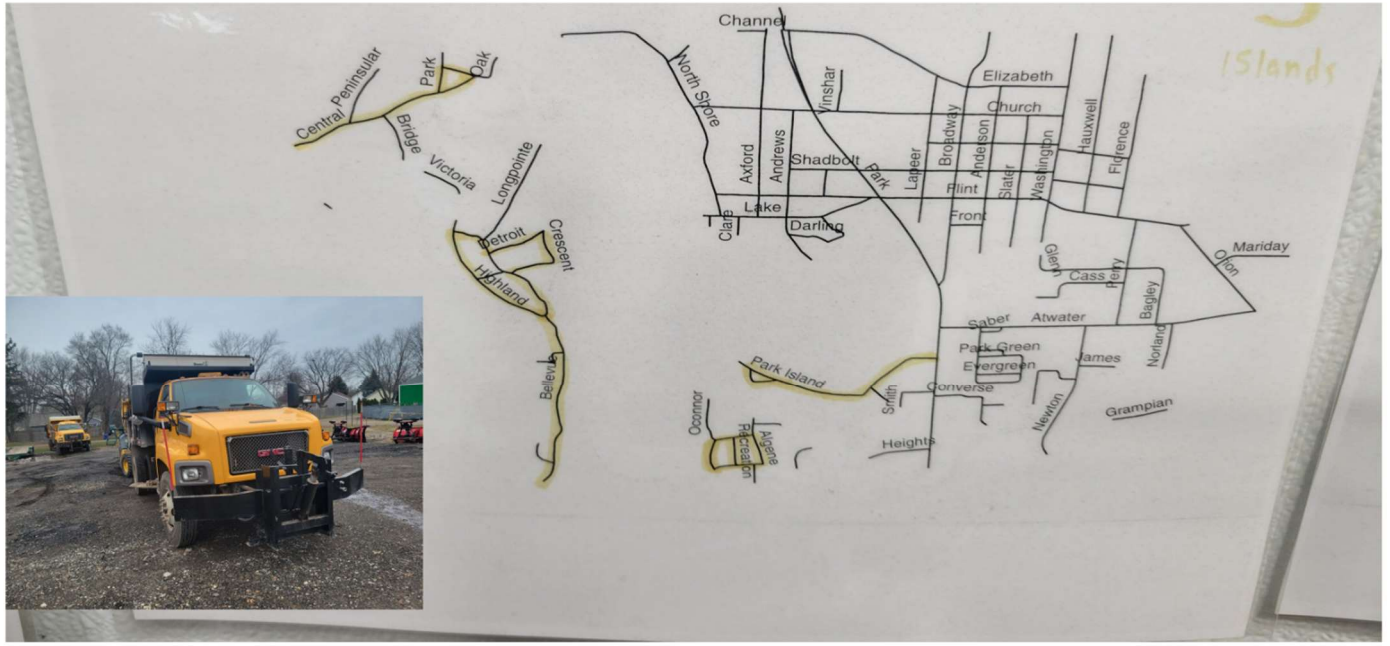
Downtown Snow Removal

- Push all parking areas within the downtown area away from the Flint and Broadway intersections. (see attached map) For example:
 - Flint St east of Broadway should be pushed east towards Anderson.
 - Flint St West of Broadway should be pushed west towards Lapeer St.
- Long pushes such as Broadway from Front to M-24 should be split in half. Part pushed towards M-24 and part towards Front St.
- Keep piles low enough so drivers can see around them. If you need two parking spots to pile snow then use them.
- While picking up snow, remove all piles closet to Flint and Broadway first then proceed away from the intersection.
- Identify the largest piles and those taking up the most parking and use your judgment on how to proceed. (Front St may not be as important as Flint St.)
- Remember to plow all parking spots along Anderson, Shadbolt (treeside Psychologist along Shadbolt), Front, Lapeer(In front of apartments, by Auto Zone, along Lapeer)
- **Lift front plow blades when going over the brick intersection at Flint and Broadway. Underbodies will only be used on the brick intersection**

Parking Lots

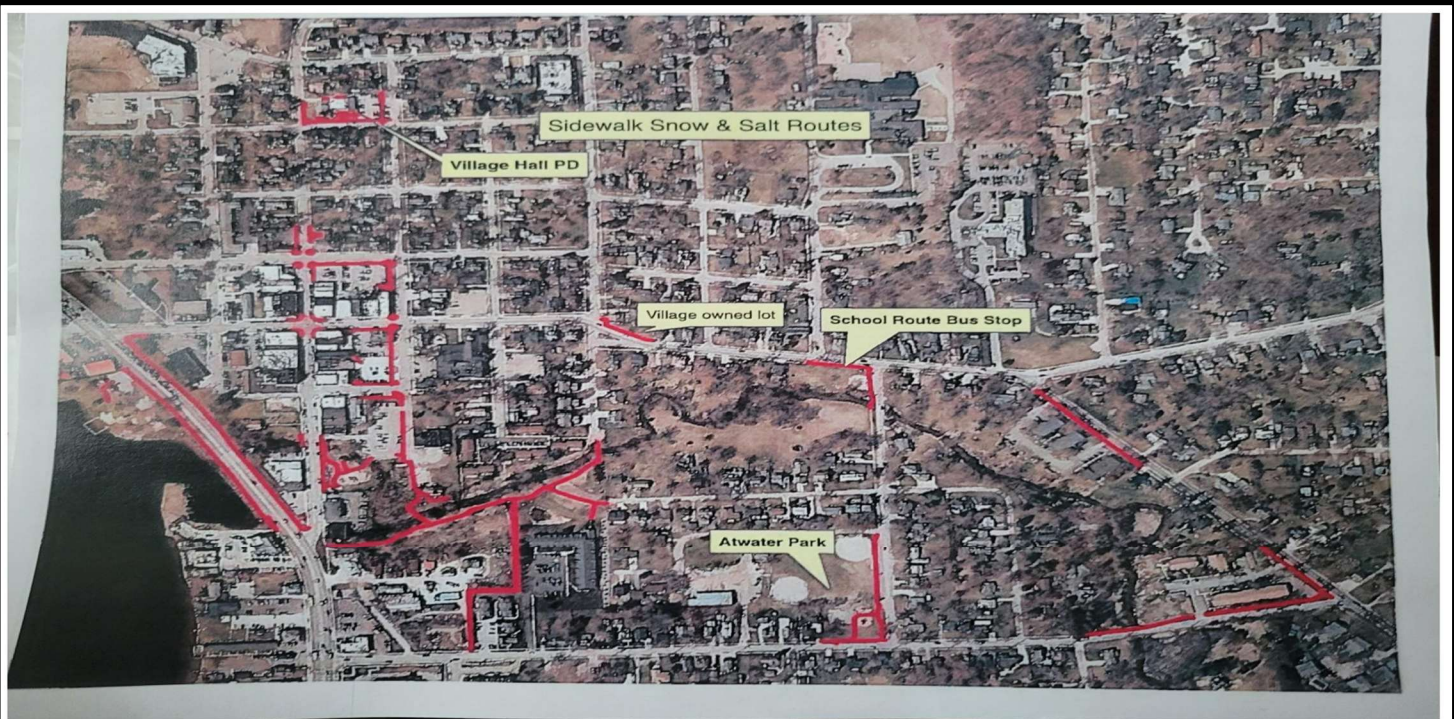
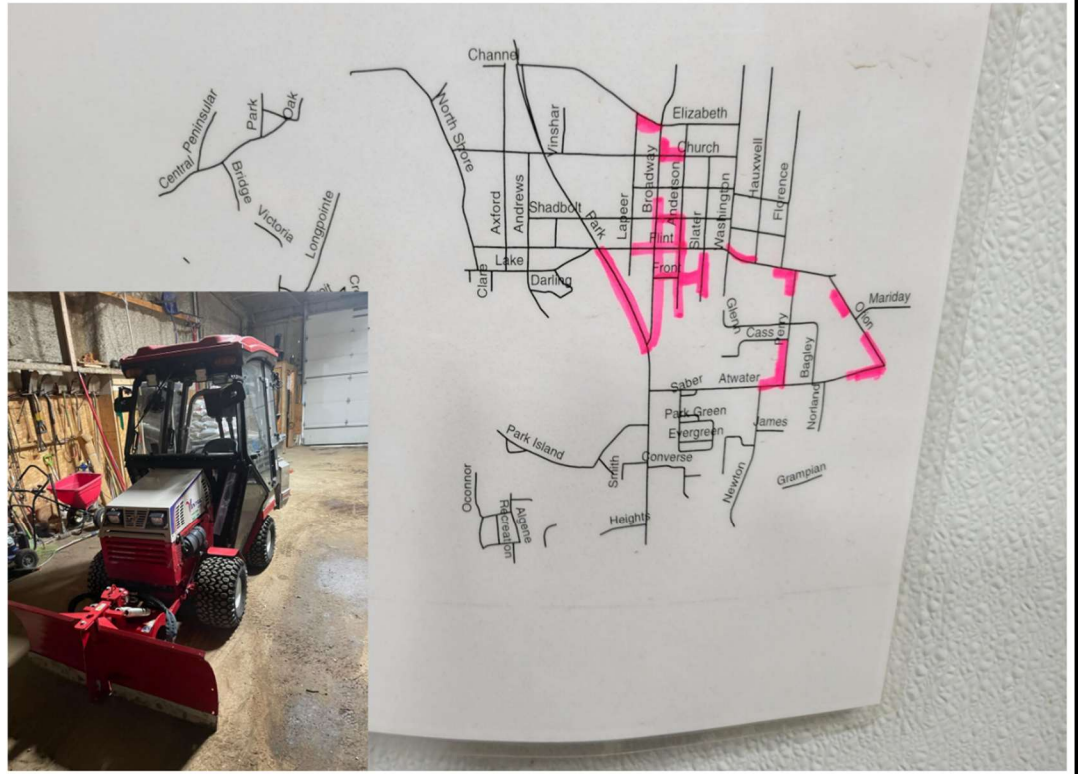
- Village Hall Parking lot should be done first.
 - As much snow as possible should be pushed out of the parking lot across Shadbolt and plied into the parking spots.
 - During a long snow event, you should pass through this lot often
- State Farm Parking lot next to Village hall is next then the veterinary center.
- The lot behind the Brewery (DDA Lot) should be done trying to push as much snow as possible across Shadbolt into available parking spots.
- Children's Park parking lot should all be pushed to the far east side parking spots. Keep the snow off the sidewalk and pile as high as needed so all snow is in these parking spots.
- DDA Driveway should be done before they open.
- The parking Lot across from the Ehman Center should be done last (just a few passes along Elizabeth)

Islands

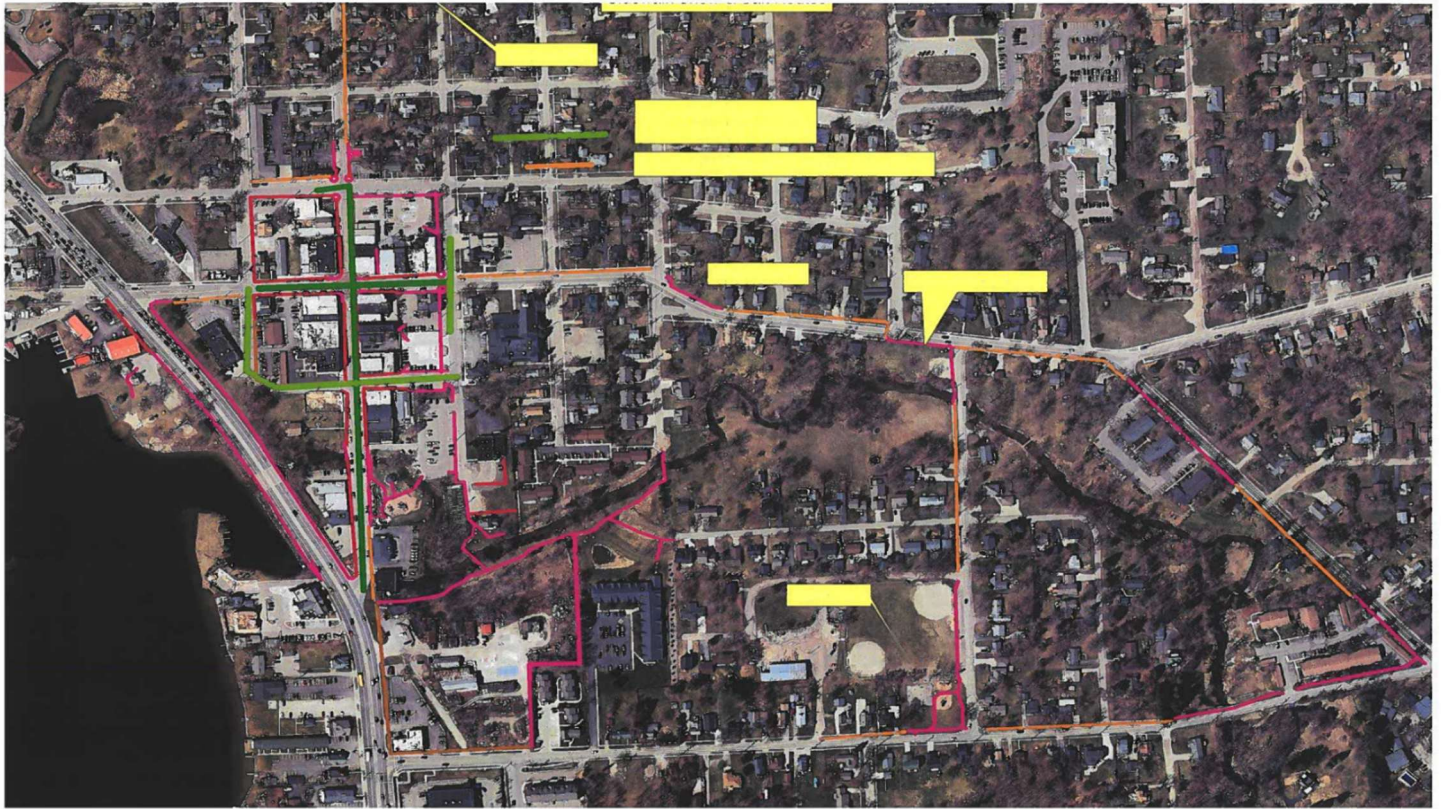


Main Village

Sidewalks



Sidewalk satellite view



Snow/Ice Control Call In Protocol

The following is the protocol Police Officers and Dispatchers should use when calling DPW employees in to plow streets after normal working hours. This policy does not reflect the same measures that will be taken to remove snow and ice during normal working hours. During normal working hours, streets may be cleared more often and sooner than after hour situations. This policy should be used as general guidelines for Police Officers and Dispatchers in unison with their own judgment of road conditions.

The DPW knows that different conditions warrant different actions. This policy is designed to make plowing and salting operations more efficient. The DPW will utilize this policy as well as snowfall forecast to determine the best plan of action to take at different times of the day. The DPW will make every effort to keep the roads clear for safe passage at all times.

Snowfall w/accumulation –

- There should be a minimum of ***TWO*** inches of snow accumulation before DPW staff is called to plow streets.
- DPW staff should only be called if the minimum snow accumulation is reached and the roads have become unsafe to travel (slippery enough that drivers cannot maintain control of their vehicles). If you cannot do the speed limit safely, the DPW should be contacted.
- The Priority plowing/salting route includes Major Streets and roads with hills.. This route will be done when there is ***TWO*** inches or more of snow accumulation.
- The Secondary plowing/salting route includes all local streets less traveled. If called in to plow, these will only be done with accumulation over ***THREE*** inches where roads are unsafe.
- During a large snow storm, we will maintain the priority route but may not maintain the secondary route until normal working hours or until the snow storm is finished.
- After two or more resident complaints are made regarding the condition of streets, please contact the DPW foreman on-call immediately so he may act appropriately.

Ice-

- DPW staff should be called out whenever roads become too icy for travel and have the potential to cause motor vehicle accidents.
- This includes small snowfalls that turn to ice quickly and black ice.
- DPW may elect to do all streets at this time or do the priority route only.
- Please be advised, salt is not effective in temperatures below 25°-20° F thus DPW staff may make the determination not to utilize salt until the temperatures recover to levels above 25° F.

Notice: Business Owners Downtown

Starting this year 2021/2022 winter season the DPW will begin maintaining snow and ice on the downtown sidewalks. This does not mean that every flurry or dusting will be plowed and salted by the DPW. The DPW will maintain sidewalks when the snow totals reach 2 inches or more. Any snowfall under 2 inches will be the responsibility of the business owner. The DPW will also monitor and respond to any ice storms we may have and salt accordingly.