Village Board To Act On Program For 1929

Plans In Detail Now Being Considered

A review of the work done by the village on its streets during 1928 and contemplated plans for 1929 as submitted by Manager James W. Parry to the village commission are listed here. The program for the coming year, is on a smaller scale by virtue of the fact that the village has made unusual strides in its street improvement program.

Plans for the coming year as listed here are under advisement by the commission and it is expected they will not be carried out in the exact detail that is shown. In presenting the report, Manager Parry said it was merely a rough outline.

(1) Projects completed in 1928.

(A) Special assessment projects: Bates pavement, Birmingham hills water, Bloomfield court pavement, Bloomfield court storm sewer and water, Bloomfield Woods storm sewer, Birmingham Boulevard-Northlawn storm sewer Chester pavement, Clawson Road storm sewer, Coryell Park curb and gutter, Dorchester curb and gutter (E. Maple Gardens) Yorkshire storm sewer, Bates gravel, Northlawn - Southlawn gravel, Chesterfield Gardens curb and gutter, Dorchester-Pierce storm sewer, Dorchester-Pierce water, Euclid storm and sanitary sewer and water, Forest pavement, Forest water, Forest storm sewer, Golfview Heights storm sewer, Golfview Heights water, Hamilton pavement 32' and storm sewer and water, Henrietta pavement, Henrietta storm sewer—Frank to Lincoln, Leinbach-Humphrey storm sewer, Lincoln extension curb and gutter, Martin pavement, Merrill pavement and water, Merrill storm sewer, Pierce widening, Pleasant grade and gravel, Ruffner curb and gutter and gravel, Washington, Northlawn and Southlawn pavement, Willits pavement, Woodward water, Bloomfield court to Redding road.

Bond Issue

(B) General Bond Issue and Miscellaneous Special Jobs: Woodward Storm Sewer—Willits to Rouge, Woodward storm sewer—Haynes to Rouge, Woodward sewer and water connections, Woodward water—Euclid to Forest and Cross Ties, Maple—Grand Trunk Detour, Municipal Building Woodward Avenue Sidewalks.

(2) Projects hanging over for 1929 construction. On the first 10 contracts have been let. All others are in varying state of preparation.

Birmingham blvd.—Northlawn curb and gutter, Birmingham blvd.—Northlawn gravel, Coryell Park gravel, Dorchester gravel (E. Maple Gardens), Yorkshire curb and gutter and gravel, Stanley curb and gutter and gravel, Henrietta gravel, Chesterfield Gardens gravel, Hamilton widening, Wells, Birmingham Hills storm sewer and curb and gutter, Grant avenue gravel, Grant avenue opening, E. Maple pavement widening, Woodward to Grand Trunk, W. Maple widening, Northlawn Heights grade and gravel, Woodward-Pierce alley (Levinson), Maple-Henrietta Extension Alley (Huston) Henrietta Extension-Bates North alley (Couzens), Hamilton alley, Oakland-Euclid alley, Pierce-Henrietta alley (Shain), Henrietta-Bates alley (M. E. Church), E. Maple widening R. O. W.-Grand Trunk to Adams, Catalpa grade and gravel, Adams-Grand Trunk detour, Woodward avenue lighting, Henrietta opening, Lincoln extension surface, Merrill opening George-Frank alley.

(3) Recommended program for 1929 in addition to (2) The program that I would recommend as follows involves formal action by the Commission on only a few projects. It is, however, advisable to get pretty well in mind the definite work to be undertaken as a number of the projects are at least temporarily a load on the general budget. There are certain obligations that we have to discharge and there are a number of studies that should be made in order to make any intelligent recommendation regarding future projects. In addition to these the work of the State on the Grand Trunk will raise some new problems and probably the report of the city planner will make advisable certain other projects. Unless the proposed amendment to the Charter holds up the desire of citizens for local improvement projects that are to be undertaken this coming summer.

New Garage

(A) Municipal garage, warehouse and yards. This project should be outlined and a design prepared for the first units of a completed project. It will probably require a general bond issue. So far available ground on the new Grand Trunk right of way is somewhat limited due to the hold up south of Maple Avenue. There is one prospect in the area immediately north of Sheffield Estates on which we are in touch with Mr. Howarth at the present time.

(B) Curb, gutter and pavement widening on Adams Road from the Grand Trunk to the north Village limits. This project should be studied as the County will pave Adams Road this coming summer and the possibility of securing a County contribution toward 2 40 foot pavement width is excellent.

(C) Widening of Maple Avenue west of the Rouge bridge. This project is also involved with the County as the existing pavement cannot last more than another year and some extensive alterations in line and grade may be injected into the picture. We should have a suggested design for this improvement for negotiation with the County on a constructive plan.

(D) Fenbrook Manor improvements. The subdivider is obligated to complete the improvement of curb, gutter and gravelling. The street widths as originally accepted are not desirable and there is a possibility of some construction work to be done cooperatively between the Village and the subdivider in altering this project in a way that will react to the general good of the Village.

(E) General sewer study. This should be undertaken as a part of the engineering department activities in order to intelligently plan both the storm sewer and sanitary sewer problems. It might be done co-operatively with the County Drain Commission and is an extensive survey and calculation problem. This problem can well engage the attention of one man for full time.

Storm Sewer

(F) Birmingham - Woodward storm sewer. There are no storm sewer facilities provided in the Birmingham-Woodward Subdivision and the problem is a rather involved one because of the refusal of this area to come into the Acacia Park drain areas at the time it was put thru. The work should be done.

(G) Grade and gravel Golfview Heights. While gravelling was originally done by the subdivider in Golfview Heights it was done prior to the installation of underground work which was completed this summer. The roads are not in condition for maintenance and the only constructive thing to do is to have them re-graded and re-gravelled as a special assessment district.

(H) Study of north Bates Street. Investigation of the possible disposition of the D. U. R. property has uncovered some possibility of the extension of Bates Street which may be constructively followed out. It is not a simple problem and necessitates quite a little study prior to undertaking any action. It is possible that the City Plan will also bear on this particular item.

(I) Gravelling Forest Hills. The gravel surfacing put in Forest Hills was up to the standard requirement at that time. New building activity, however, is constantly bringing to light the inadequacy of an 18' gravelled strip which means essentially that the Village at large would regravel out of the maintenance fund the entire area between this strip and the gutter line. It should be done as a special assessment district.

(J) Northlawn and Latham Road pavement. We are obligated by petition to pave Northlawn and Latham Road. The underground work is completed and the assessment district spread for curb and gutter this year, also construction of the curb and gutter was delayed for the paving operation.

(K) Installation of sanitary sewer on Warren Court. By agreement the Village is obligated to install sanitary sewer in Warren Court and the work should be done this year.

Or Maybe Crocheting

The young man in the corner looked bored and his host was touched. Picking up an opened box of cigars, he walked across to his guest.

"Have a cigar?" he asked.

"No, thanks. I don't smoke."

The other was rather surprised, but he tried again.

"Have a drink?"

"Never touch it."

"Well, let's go in with the girls and dance"—and the host linked his arm in that of the young man.

"Sorry," hesitated the youth, "but I really don't dance, you know."

The other was dumbfounded.

"Look here," he concluded lamely, "my wife has a ball of wool and a couple of needles—what about a spot of knitting?"

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POLICE SCHOOL TO BE STARTED

Village Officers To Have More Intensive Training In Future

Birmingham police are to be schooled in the various branches of police work for the first time in the history of the department here. A series of classes is to be started today under the direction of Police Chief James Anderson. It will be for all members of the department.

Recruit officers in the future also will have training of a more intense nature than in the past, according to plans. Whether they will be given the benefit of the training school in Detroit is to be decided.

"The purpose of the police school is to make each member a better policeman," said Chief Anderson. He explained that a study of village ordinances and state laws would be conducted to acquaint the officers fully with this subject.

The class which will be attended by a number of the squad each week is planned to be held every Thursday afternoon.

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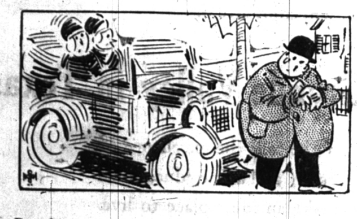

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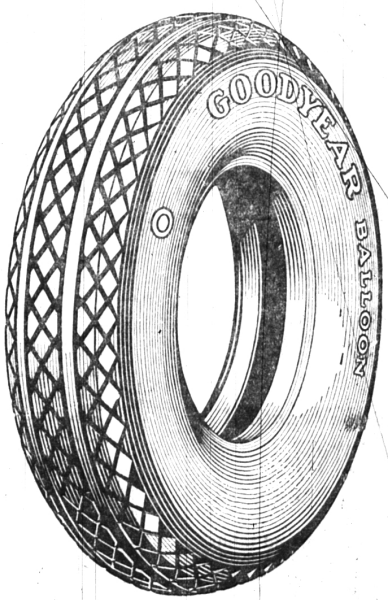

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