

Streets & Roads Report

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Road Referendum Feedback Results: We received more than 500 responses to our Road Referendum Survey. Thank you to all who provided feedback. A review of the results shows that road repairs are an important issue with the residents throughout our Village. (The complete survey will be posted on the village website.)

Survey Question	The proposed property tax was too high					The roads in my neighborhood are not in need of repair					The phasing of the road repairs did not address the highest needs first.					The plan presented did not account for the long term maintenance of the roads.					There was not enough information provided to me to make an informed decision					Rather than road bonds, I would rather see a small property tax implemented for road repair over a longer period of time and ongoing maintenance.				
Responses	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Individual Results Total	242	77	58	38	71	79	54	63	76	215	75	56	243	42	54	94	95	206	40	40	85	92	104	84	109	97	104	103	40	132
Individual Results Percentage	50%	16%	12%	8%	15%	16%	11%	13%	16%	44%	16%	12%	50%	9%	11%	20%	20%	43%	8%	8%	18%	19%	22%	18%	23%	20%	22%	22%	8%	28%
Grouping Total	319	58	109	133	63	291	131	243	96	189	206	706	80	177	104	193	201	103	172											
Grouping Percentage	66%	12%	22%	27%	13%	60%	28%	52%	20%	40%	43%	17%	37%	22%	41%	42%	22%	38%												

With the failed Road Referendum, the Village Board continues to seek additional financial sources to improve the funding to our roadways. The resources available for purely local road maintenance and repairs are essentially the motor fuel taxes based on local population and other traditional local revenue sources, such as Village stickers. Neither the State nor Federal Governments provide any meaningful financial assistance for purely local roads. So the efforts of the Village Board must continue to be directed toward attempting to enhance traditional methods of revenue acquisition such as sales taxes.

The Village is fortunate to have been able to annex and rezone a new commercial site, Green Oaks Commons, at the corner of Atkinson & Waukegan Road. If retail development takes place on this site, it will be a new source of sales tax revenue to the Village. It will be years, however, before all four of the planned buildings are built, occupied and generate sales tax revenue to the extent retail stores open at this site. In addition, while some progress is being made at finding tenants for the vacant parcel across from Lamb's Farm, it too will be years before the Village receives any sales tax revenue from the site. As with any retail sales, the amount of the Village's local share of the sales taxes is completely dependent on the volume of the retail sales, market conditions and the general and local economy. So, planning for a steady and reliable source of funding year-after-year is challenging.

The Village Board recently approved a petition from Post Time Sports Bar and Grille to permit operation of a restaurant, consumption on premises liquor license and off-track wagering parlor ("OTB") at the site of the former Fatman Bowl. Before considering approval of the petition, some trustees visited other neighboring OTB facilities to observe first-hand the impact that they had on the community. The Post Time proposal from Vince Palmeri (a Green Oaks resident and one of the owners of Café Pomigliano in Libertyville) assured the Village of a first class establishment. The incentive to the Village for this type of establishment is that it provides a new source of revenue for the Village from both the wagering as well as the sales tax generated from food and

beverage sales. The Village has committed the majority of the wagering income to be earmarked towards the roadway budget. It is expected that this revenue will start to be generated in 2017.

While these anticipated new sources of revenue incrementally help relieve some of the financial pressure, they still do not equate to the level of funds needed to pay for all of the necessary roadway repairs. In light of this, the Village Board is proposing a general municipal tax as an assured portion of the needed funds. Only through responsible fiscal management has the Village been able to go 60 years without a municipal tax. However, it is evident that the current funding for our roadways is inadequate and additional funds are required to implement the necessary roadway repairs. Unlike the Road Referendum, which was developed to repair virtually all of the 24-miles of the village roads over a five year period, the municipal tax that is being proposed will provide a predictable and steady stream of revenue to plan for long term repairs of the roadways with the worst roads receiving a higher priority. While it will take longer to repair all of the roads under the current referendum proposal, additional maintenance and patching will be performed to keep the roads in as good as condition as possible. Once again, this will require voter approval to implement.

The table below illustrates the proposed municipal tax to the prior, failed road referendum proposal.

Proposed Municipal Tax					
	Tax Rate	Annual Tax on \$100K Home	Annual Tax on \$300K Home	Annual Tax on \$600K Home	Annual Tax on \$900k Home
Amount now proposed based on home value of...	0.0928	\$30.93	\$92.79	\$185.58	\$278.37
For Reference Only - Failed Road referendum					
For reference the Prior Road Referendum would have yielded the following...	0.4605	\$144.33	\$433.00	\$893.00	\$1,354.00

The Village Board will continue its work to find additional funding sources for our roadways. The passage of a municipal tax at a rate of less than a tenth of a percent would be a critical financial component to a long-term local road protection and rehabilitation program. You may be asking yourself "why should I support a municipal tax?" One answer is that good roads can be one of the best means to protect our home and neighborhood values. We have a great school system, and we live in a great community. It's only fitting that we have and maintain decent, safe roads to drive on which meet community needs and expectations and to enhance the value of our community.

Public meetings will be scheduled in October to review the details of the plan and answer homeowner questions. Further information will be forthcoming as well as updates on the Village website. Feel free to contact The Village with any questions.

