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Proposed Road Budget 2024/25

The overall goal of this proposed budget is to adequately keep the roads in Lamoine in good condition at the least amount of cost. I'm happy to report that other than several trees coming down in a pair of tropical storms that hit town this fall, there were no major washouts on the town roads. Other communities in our area were not so fortunate. To me, that's a sign that we're doing something right!

Here's a breakdown of the proposed budget line by line

Road Commissioner Salary – While the percentage increase looks big, the pay increase is only \$100 for the year.

Road Commissioner Expenses – The expense line is generally all for mileage attributed solely to Road Commissioner work. The decrease of \$25 is based on the 5-year average.

The overall Road Commissioner section is up just \$75.00 or 6.98%

General Maintenance – The budget is unchanged from the current fiscal year at \$275.00 based on the 5-year average of \$260.00

Mowing – The proposed budget is up \$1,000 from the current fiscal year based on a new contract price with our mowing contractor. We were under budgeted for the past fiscal and current fiscal year.

Sweeping – Our contract with TGP Enterprises has run out. I expect it'll be up, but we've not put this out for bid yet. The increase is \$900.00.

Crack Sealing – I've not been able to do any crack sealing the last couple of years. I'm in hopes that we'll be able to accomplish some next spring. The budget is dropped by \$2,000, even though the cost of petroleum will be higher, the sealing (on Raccoon Cove Road) will not be as much as some years.

Tree Removal – The budget is proposed to drop by \$5,000 from the current fiscal year. We've been attacking some specific parts of roads, not entire roads where tree trimming is not warranted.

Buttermilk Road – This budget is proposed to rise by \$2,500 to \$10,000. We have some ditching and shoulder work that needs doing and several driveway culverts are getting very long in the tooth and should be replaced. We'll be picking off projects as needed.

Shore Road – This is the town’s longest road, and it also needs some ditching work and shoulder work as well as some driveway culvert work. Like Buttermilk, we’ll pick off projects as needed.

Mill Road – A slight reduction to the budget is proposed, down by \$250.

Walker Road – No change is proposed from the current year budget. This road is due to be paved in a couple of years, and some ditching/shoulder work will be needed when that happens.

Asa’s Lane – We have some culvert work to complete on this road, probably in the current year. The budget is up \$2,500 in anticipation some of that will roll forward to the new year when we also hope to repave this road.

Needles Eye Road – We paved this road in the summer/fall of 2023. We did some ditching, culvert and plan to do shoulder work as part of that project. A significant drop to \$1,000 for touch up work is proposed for the next fiscal year.

Clamshell Alley & Cos Cob Avenue – The increase is proposed at \$25.00 for FY 24/25.

Raccoon Cove Road – We have some shoulder work and driveway drainage work to accomplish. The road should also be crack sealed (different budget line).

Marlboro Beach Road – This road was paved in the fall of 2023. The shoulders will be shaped up this fall as well, so minimal work is needed. The budget is proposed to drop to \$1,000.

Seal Point Road – A \$1,000 increase is proposed. Some culvert and shoulder work is needed on this road.

Berry Cove Road – The lower end of the road near the Gully Brook intersection needs some gravel as it erodes. We try to grade it annually, but more material needs to be added. The budget is up \$625 to try to accomplish that.

Gully Brook – This road is not used in the winter, but it’s in tough shape. We really only grade it annually, and the cost for that seems to creep up.

MacQuinn Road – No work is expected on MacQuinn Road. There is a request to close it to through traffic from the MacQuinn Corporation that town meeting will likely deal with. MacQuinn will be constructing a turnaround at the end of the road near their entrance.

Lorimer Road & Maxwell Avenue – These roads were paved in the fall of 2023, minimal work is proposed.

Birchlawn Drive – This road has started to deteriorate despite the light traffic. Some driveway culverts should be reset/replaced. The plan is to pave this in the 2025/26 budget.

Parking Lots – A slight increase is proposed for lot maintenance. Much of this is for Bloomfield Park Road at the park, which is in tough shape. We hope to do some work in the current fiscal year on this road.

Street signs – No change in the budget is planned.

Overall General Maintenance – This budget is down nearly 5%.

Winter Maintenance – The proposed increase is due to the plowing contract which will be in its 2nd year. That increases the budget by \$4,194.00 overall. The clogged culvert line is down a bit from the current fiscal year.

Total Road Maintenance – The budget is up less than 1%.

MAJOR PROJECTS – The proposed budget will pave Asa's Lane and the Transfer Station. The estimated paving cost is based on \$150/ton for paving and the overall major project line is down 43%, as we did a lot of paving this past fall.

Total Roads – The overall budget is down 21.23% or \$134,750.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Road Commissioner