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Township Board approves local road improvements for 2015 construction projects

As residents and motorists endure the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water main installation along the length of 24 Mile Road in Shelby Township, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed its commitment to bettering the community's local roads June 2.

The Board unanimously approved two cost-share agreements with the Macomb County Department of Roads, both not to exceed \$150,000, for work on the townships non-major roadways. This annual process covers a combination of asphalt and concrete repairs and reconstruction.

"As is too apparent throughout our state, many municipalities don't have the funds for continued road repairs and reconstruction," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Fortunately, Shelby Township is blessed with hard-working township employees that have allowed the Board to reduce operating costs and redirect tax revenue to our infrastructure.

"This latest agreement is another testament that if a government prioritizes spending and projects, there is an ability to fix roads and bridges while still providing first-class services to the taxpayer."

The agreement for asphalt work covers Aurora Park near the subdivision's 25 Mile Road entrance, Alexis Court from Salem Drive to the road's dead end, Briana Court from Briana Lane to the court's dead end, Briana Lane from Kyle Court to Briana Court, and Briana Lane from Robinhood Drive to Kyle Court.

The concrete road agreement covers the concrete portion of Mary Ann Avenue, Houghton Drive from Culver to Houghton's dead end, Concorde Drive from Kelly Court to Knightsbridge Drive and Ashton Drive from Milonas Drive to Patterson Drive.

"We know there are a lot of subdivision streets that would like to be and need to be on these lists, but the township get a limited number of options from the county for this annual program," Stathakis said.

"The township prioritizes the many, many possibilities with the township engineer and then submits a list to the county. Our engineer and the county work together to find a list of the best candidates, based current road conditions, that best serve the township and its residents."

The local road work is part of a county-wide construction contract bid out and awarded by the MCDR. Bids for the contract are due July 7, and, following that, the MCDR will coordinate a construction schedule with the selected contractor.

"As with any road work there will be some inconvenience, but we must follow through on our commitment to improving roads," Stathakis said. "The Board of Trustees understands the hardships facing motorists and businesses in the township, but we also know our taxpayers understand the value of top-notch infrastructure such as roads and bridges within our township."

If you would like to submit your road for inspection by the township for possible inclusion in future local road projects, you can contact the Township Supervisor's office at 586-731-5154 or the township engineer, Fazal Khan and Associates, at 586-739-8007.

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