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Sidewalk repairs at Shelby Manor to cost additional \$8,900

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Concrete and sidewalk repairs at Shelby Manor that were delayed in 2014 due to time constraints and inclement weather are expected to cost Shelby Township an additional \$8,900 to complete in 2015, according to Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis.

“Originally, \$16,000 was budgeted in 2014 for sidewalk repairs,” Stathakis said. “However, this work was unable to be completed due to time and weather constraints, and due to the harsh winter, additional damage has occurred resulting in the need for more repairs.”

According to Paula Moore, regional compliance manager for Legacy, the firm that operates Shelby Manor for the township, the repairs are needed because the damaged sidewalks and concrete surfaces currently represent a trip hazard for the residents who reside at Shelby Manor.

“It’s getting to the point where it could be a trip hazard just walking around the property,” Moore said.

Located near Hall and Schoenherr roads, Shelby Manor is a three-building apartment complex that houses residents ages 55 and older. Each building is made up of approximately 90 apartments.

The facility was damaged in November 2012 when a

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fire started on a third-floor balcony and quickly spread to other units in the three-story B building. Approximately two dozen residents, many of whom were bed-ridden or using wheelchairs, were rescued by Shelby Township firefighters.

There were no serious injuries reported, but the fire caused serious damage to about eight units in the B building, while several others had significant smoke and water damage.

After repairs were completed, the building celebrated its official reopening in August 2013.

"I cannot think of a better place for seniors to call home," Stathakis said. "But the real luxury of Shelby Manor is the people that call it home. You will be hard pressed to find a neighborhood that is more close-knit or has more smiling faces than Shelby Manor."

According to Finance Director Allan McDonald, the concrete and sidewalk repair work at the complex will be performed by Farnese Contractors Inc. of Shelby Township for a cost not to exceed \$24,852.