

**The New Bloomfield Village Roads Committee**  
**Questions and Options for Oakland County & Bloomfield Township, Etc...**

- I. Options for Road Improvement
  - a. Oakland County
  - b. Bloomfield Township
  - c. Private Company
  - d. Oil & Stone
  - e. Dirt & Gravel
  - f. Repair program '~ \$1,000 As You Go'/Patchwork/Short-term Maintenance
  - g. Do Nothing... Then what happens... thoughtful, precise answer required...
  - h. Other? ~ Something yet to consider?
- II. Who Pays for Road Improvement
  - a. Homeowners
    - i. Payment to be divided among residents without those who already have completed road improvements
    - ii. Payment to be divided by # of participating homeowners or by homeowner front yard footage
    - iii. Kent Ridge / Garipey home / 4 exclusions??
  - b. Taxes
    - i. Increase property taxes to cover road maintenance
    - ii. What provisions/legalities to be able to increase taxes to make option
    - iii. What is the logic/legality of our tax dollars not going to improve/keep up our roads?
  - c. Millage of Bond
    - i. Other communities use this option
    - ii. Said that increased tax is not good for elected officials
  - d. State/County/Township
    - i. Underground sewer & drainage pipes will need to be separated
    - ii. When foresee mandatory upgrades to pipes?
  - e. Sinking fund
    - i. Is this required for project so to make payments over time?
    - ii. Is this before or after homeowner payment? Ie. Deposit & into SF?
  - f. Other
    - i. Can County projects pass forward benefits of other existing projects?
    - ii. If County has contractors, can they get deductions/financial benefits?
- III. Financing of Road Improvement Payment
  - a. Exa: County verses Township
  - b. If the rates change over the course of the project, how will the effect the homeowner... ie. Variable vs fixed rates on project? If economy changes, who pays overage?
  - c. Is Special Assessment the only way to collect fees from homeowners? What are other means from homeowners, private funding, government entities to fund our road project?
- IV. Questions for Road Contractors ~ ie. County, Township...

- a. Do they have a 10 year Improvement Plan of Bloomfield Township & Oakland County? Where does Bloomfield Village fit into it? (Roads, Pipes, etc)
  - b. What are the specifications for our roads? Ie. Types of surface, quality of asphalt, curbs vs no curbs, etc.
  - c. What is the minimum projected life of the new roads and what are the parameters for the answer?
  - d. Who would be our road contractors and what are the deciding factors? Ie. Experience, etc.
  - e. What are the costs involved to obtain an estimate?
  - f. What are the Warranties?
  - g. What monies are kept aside before \$ during the road project?
  - h. Are any monies reimbursed and for what reasons?
  - i. What are the interest rates for the project?
  - j. What are the financing programs for the project?
  - k. What is the timing of the road project? Ie. Completion, possible complications and financial consequences?
  - l. How do curbs/no curbs, storm sewer accesses to be level impact the project?
  - m. What are the advantages and disadvantages to contracting you?
- V. Additional Concerns
- a. When Maple is being reconstructed, what will be the impact of their trucks on our roads? Ie. Will Cranbrook & Bradway (etc) be off limits? Can we be financially compensated for their vehicle use of our roads?
  - b. Relining the sewers ~ Big pipes possibly disturbed in road project, if create a disrupted infrastructure, then who is responsible to fix it? Seems to be full circle... our sewer & drainage pipes eventually required to be separate, yet if do it now then they pay for roads? If do it later then redo new roads?
  - c. Bloomfield Village Homeowners with major rebuilds & construction require heavy equipment... could there be a surcharge implemented for wear and tear of roads?
- VI. Communication
- a. Newsletter
    - i. Road Improvement articles and updates
    - ii. Newsletter/Board President request household email addresses
  - b. Electronic
    - i. Promote 'Go Green' to communicate with residents
    - ii. Road information distributed to inform residents
    - iii. Resident Responses
      1. Promote communication to hear residents
      2. Look into legality of petition by electronic communication
  - c. New Roads Project
    - i. Required steps ~ Interest Letter, Estimates, Petition Drive
    - ii. Information distribution ~ students and mothers have been door to door for years