

Some property owners can expect bills for street work

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Special assessments will be topic of Oct. 18 hearing

The Saukville Village Board initiated the process for special assessments last week, with the charges to primarily affect property owners along North Mill Street.

The roadway was completely resurfaced earlier this fall, a project that included the installation of new curbs, gutters and driveway approaches.

“The work on North Mill Street is done and it looks like a brand new road,” said Public Works Director Roy Wilhelm.

However, Wilhelm said the work will result in assessments for approximately \$13,000 in improvements to private property along the route.

He said the largest assessment will be to Johnson Brass for “several thousand dollars.” Company officials asked the village to include some driveway work in front of their property as part of the Mill Street project.

Other property owners would face substantially smaller assessments, according to Wilhelm.

“Nobody likes facing special assessments, but it is something that has to be done. In most cases, it won’t be a lot of money,” he said.

About \$1,000 worth of sidewalk assessments will also be made as the village identifies walks that pose tripping hazards around the community.

Rather than replace full slabs, Wilhelm said, the village has been cutting away broken or damaged sections of walkway and replacing them with new portions of concrete.

Wilhelm said making those partial repairs of sidewalks costs about \$75 a block.

In all, he said, 18 property owners will receive special assessment notices.

A public hearing on the assessments will be held as part of the Village Board’s Tuesday Oct. 18, meeting, giving residents a chance to contest their bills.

That session will be held in the Police Department conference room.