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Hunter Street upgrades slated to start

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LODI — The council introduced an ordinance to appropriate $170,000 to make road improvements on Hunter Street at the last regular meeting, but officials said that it is just the start of more work to come.

The seven-block stretch along Hunter Street, from Grove to Summer streets, will be upgraded with new curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons, profiling (grinding down the road so as to not raising the height) and resurfacing among other work, said Borough Engineer Kenneth Job of Job & Job Engineering.

Borough Manager Stephen Lo Iacono said the street is in critical need of re-paving and other improvements because the high volume of daily traffic has taken its toll on Hunter Street, which is mainly residential.

“The council voted on the bond ordinance just to get the money in place,” said Lo Iacono.

“The New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) will do the project with grant money under a road improvement program.”

Mayor Gary Paparozzi said the roadwork on Hunter Street is similar to work that has been done on Prospect Street.

“Hunter Street is getting the whole nine yards,” said Paparozzi. “The project will start at the end (of the road) by Summit Bank up to Hasbrouck Heights. It’s a main artery that connects two towns.”

Job explained the borough submitted an application with the NJDOT for road improvements for the entire length of Hunter Street last year, but the grant came in less than the $170,000 it would cost to cover the construction.

“This year, we applied for additional funds for the next phase,” said Job. “We set limits based on the money that was available.”

Work on Hunter Street is just in its preliminary stages and Job said it could be months before groundbreaking begins on the project.

“It first has to be designed, then the utility company has to come in and then it has to go out to bid. At best, late summer before construction begins,” added Job.

Paparozzi explained that there are six to eight other roads in the borough that need to be resurfaced and will be done through Community Development money as a regular paving project.

Job said the roads that will be repaved have not been confirmed yet.
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