

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The last few weeks have been very busy with the budget, OPWC applications and meetings, reviewing plans, finalizing plans for bid, investigating new equipment for next year, hiring people to fill vacant positions and the list goes on. Now a lot of that has been completed and things should slow down a little bit. Bids will be opened on Tuesday for next year's paving (18 miles), boxes for CR 177 and TR 42, beams for the CR 232 bridge and a used bucket truck. Once we get through those and recommend awards we'll be well prepared for 2012 and can start working out the details. New surveying equipment has been ordered. We have a "demo" wide format copier/scanner and will soon have a demo Case loader to try out. We are still waiting on our new single axle dump trucks. Whoever would have thought that when we got them last spring we wouldn't have them by Christmas? The two new tandems should have been built this week. Hopefully we'll have them by next Christmas!!

Congratulations to Chad Fisher our new Road Superintendent and Mark Auxter our new Assistant Road Superintendent. When there are so many well qualified applicants, it is always difficult to make the final choices, but I think Chad and Mark will do just fine. Thanks to all who showed interest and confirmed their support for the new guys. Congratulations also to Cody Amor who has been promoted to Foreman. Now all we have to do is hire one new employee and hopefully we will be set personnel wise for awhile. We have lost a considerable number of experienced personnel through retirements recently, but they have been replaced with capable people who will make sure "the beat goes on!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!

As everyone should know by now, new pay scales and raises went into effect December 11th and the PERS withholding will change in Payroll #2 of 2012.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Employee: Matthew Zilles
Title: Maintenance Garage
Date Hired: June 13, 2011
Favorite Song: Dirt Road Anthem
Hobbies: Snowmobiling,
wakeboarding
Pet Peeve: Rain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Moyer December 29th

FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

We have shifted gears after a busy couple of weeks. Rick and I have started this year's bridge inspections and so far we have completed Rice and Sandusky Township. Next week we'll be finishing Ballville and Green Creek. The guardrail project started this week on CR 117. Lake Erie construction has installed nearly 3,000 feet of guardrail south of State Route 20. They will continue their work after the first of the year.

We will be opening bids on Tuesday for paving, culverts and the Ry 232 Bridge. Anxious to see how those come in. Our new surveying equipment has been ordered and most of it will be delivered this coming Monday.

Merry Christmas !!!!!!!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well according to channel 11 we are 1 100's of an inch away from beating the wettest year on record! And everyone can sure tell, we have been out on high water a lot this year and a few times just in the last few weeks. The good thing is that snow season has begun and we have only been out once! Maybe Mother Nature got all the precipitation out of the way and we can make it through the holidays without having to plow snow!

- Midnight shift has started. Andy, Matt, and Tony are a week in and maybe Tony and Matt's first year will be an easy one.
- The sign shop has been at full force the last couple weeks working on the sign grant
- Snow fence was a little late this year because of the rainy weather but it is now wrapped up.
- There is a crew out working on CR 117 getting it ready for guardrail to be installed.
- Eric and Tim are working on concrete repairs in building #1 and #9 around the drains where it was cracked and broken.