

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

The Road Report hopefully keeps employees and other interested people aware of what is going on in our Department. It also satisfies the statutory requirement for an annual report. It can be considered an ongoing annual report that covers things in more detail than could be included in a single report. Having said that though, I believe a general summary of 2012 is in order.

We paved 18 miles of roads  
We built five new bridges  
Tindall Bridge was painted  
Concrete repairs were made to the State Street Bridge  
The new equipment we purchased included two tandem dump trucks, two backhoes, a loader and a John Deere Gator with a trailer  
We also purchased a used bucket truck and a used air compressor  
We now have seventy-five (75) pieces of major equipment

We purchased GPS and robotic surveying equipment to become essentially a one-person survey crew

We have 297.5 miles of road and 262 bridges  
Load rating of all our bridges was completed  
Our income including carryover for 2012 was \$ 6,995,223  
Our expenses were \$ 5,357,495

We have twenty-seven (27) employees including the County Engineer  
Two new employees were hired: Tony Hartshorn and Adam Kozak  
We also lost several retired employees including Carl Hahn, Dawn (Mosser) Shurer and Marv Wasserman  
Former County Engineer Dean Morgan also passed away.

The Sandusky County Transportation District was formed for the purpose of assisting Terra State Community College in getting an entrance onto SR 53.

An agreement was reached between the County Commissioners, Ballville Township and the Sandusky County Parks District for maintenance of the Mull Covered bridge.

Looking ahead for 2013, we plan on paving 21 miles of roads, building four new bridges, purchasing two more tandems and three four wheel drive pickups. Incidentally, the tandems have been built and will soon be outfitted with dump bodies and the plows, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the employees who make all this possible. We are a "one stop service". We do our own survey work, essentially all of our own design work and construction. This saves the citizens of Sandusky County a lot of money. This wouldn't be possible without dedicated employees who take their jobs seriously and work hard every day.

THANK YOU ALL & KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!!!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tony Miller	January 14 <sup>th</sup>
Matt Zilles	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Eric Wheatley	January 30 <sup>th</sup>
Jenna Sommers	February 4 <sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Jeff Dymond	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	26 years
Tony Hartshorn	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 year
Chad Fisher	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	14 years
Andy Brough	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 years
Chad Bender	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 years

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### HEALTH INSURANCE

2013 Hospitalization  
Medical Mutual – SuperMed PPO  
Payroll Deduction – 6.5%

Employee	\$13.66
Employee/Spouse	\$27.32
Employee/Children	\$26.30
Employee/Spouse/Child	\$32.26
Family	\$39.96

## 2013 DENTAL INSURANCE RATES

### Low Option Plan

Employee	\$11.84
Employee & Spouse	\$27.00
Employee & Children	\$24.72
Family	\$39.06

### High Option Plan

Employee	\$12.58
Employee & Spouse	\$28.70
Employee & Children	\$29.75
Family	\$44.98

### **INCOME COMPARISON** (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January – December

2012 \$4,255,228  
2011 \$4,247,292

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

I always heard that you cannot do anything about the weather. That might be true. But, the Sandusky County Highway Employees can sure do something about the effects of winter storms! Andy and Steve kept the trucks repaired and on the road. Cody and Adam kept the trucks fueled, and loaded and ready to go. The drivers did a great job keeping up with the blowing snow and final cleanup. Tony H. and Tony M. got their feet wet behind the wheel of a plow truck. Chad and I would like to thank everyone for their dedication these past two weeks with the long hours and having to work on weekends. Job well done !!! Enjoy your weekend.

Jeff will be returning back to the work force Monday. It will be good to have him back and the way it sounds he is ready to come back. Good to have you back Jeff.

### **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- Repaired & cleaned plow trucks.
- Cleaned ditch on CR 232.
- Log jam removed on GR 223-1.78.
- Brush has been cut on CR177.
- Perry & Steve went to traffic light seminar.
- Fixed pot holes where needed.
- Spot berm from list.

- Road barricades are getting a face lift.
- Mulch pile was removed from yard.
- Mulch was placed around guardrail on CR 265, 232, & 13.
- Silt was removed from outlet of YO 223-0.20.
- Excavator has moved back to GR. 177-0.42 for cleanup and ditch relocation.
- Tile was repaired on CR 192.
- Snow and Ice Control when needed.
- Trucks washed and dumped after each storm.
- Misc. work around the yard.