

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

Since our last Road Report, we have installed the boxes on CR 294. It took a little longer than it should have to set the boxes, but they are in. The contractor had a little trouble setting the boxes, but with Mark's help, they were installed in one day. Crews are cleaning up the job site and getting it ready for paving. Should be ready to be paved sometime next week. Good job to the crew for getting this job ready for the crane in a short period of time.

The paving is all completed for the 2013 season. M&B finished paving this week with the rest of the mailbox approaches, driveways, and berming. They also paved the bridge on Tiffin Road and our crews waterproofed it. The pavement over this bridge was showing signs of deterioration. Good job to our crews and to Chad and Rick for coordinating all of our waterproofing work with the contractor.

An update on the State Street Bridge. The contractor has been moving along slowly, working on repairing the fascia of the south side of the bridge. They have completed 4 out of the 5 spans and are also working on sealing and painting the areas they have repaired. The contractor had some compressor issues this week, but they worked on sealing and painting instead.

Currently we are working on some of the paving jobs for next year (CR 247, CR 260, CR 268). Some of it we would like to bid yet this year. We are also working on some of our bigger drainage projects like Alley Ditch and Tucker Road Storm Sewer. We will also be focusing on the bridge designs for next year and now that the paving is done, we will be starting our bridge inspections.

Jim, Matt and I met with the consultant we selected to design the Schwochow ditch project. Through a qualification selection process, we selected Jones & Henry Engineers (J&H) out of Toledo, Ohio. They seemed to have the most experience in dealing with petition projects in Ohio. Four other firms showed interest in this project. J&H have submitted a preliminary design proposal which we will be presenting to the commissioners for their approval. If all the paperwork gets approved, J&H expects to have a preliminary design ready by the end of this year.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Month of November is open enrollment. During this open enrollment period, an employee and their dependents who are covered under this plan or covered under any employer sponsored health plan may elect coverage or change coverage under this plan for themselves and their eligible dependents. Please let me know if you would like to make any changes to your current plan by November 26th.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ENROLLMENT

Flexible Spending Account open enrollment is in December. Anyone who is considering signing up, please let me know by October 18th.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (BENNY CARD)

Check the website www.mybenny.com or call 1-877-810-2600 to check your account balance. Remember to submit any outstanding claims or receipts. Any unspent funds will not be carried over, nor will funds be reimbursed to you. Keep your Benny Card; you will use it for 2014. When using Benny card remember to select "credit" when asked "credit or debit".

GUARDIAN LIFE AND DENTAL

Sandusky County offers dental and life insurance through Guardian. Open enrollment is in December. Anyone who is interested, please let me know by November 26th.

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January-September

2013 \$3,181,463
2012 \$3,204,008

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

TO 294-3.87 BOX CULVERT

Boxes were set by contract on September 20th. Mark was our inspector on this job. It took into the evening to get all of the boxes set. Mark had to help push some of the boxes together with the excavator. A long day for Mark! Since then, the crew has filled in the lift holes, and waterproofed the joints and under the roadway. Tiles were extended and stone backfill started. With the angle of the new box compared to the old bridge, it left a good size area (hole) to be filled. Good thing, because we produced another mountain of dirt. All of the backfill is pretty much complete. This week, the guys focused on the box inlet and outlet. Concrete block were stacked on each end to gain some shoulder and to prevent erosion. This job has really taken shape in the last day or so. We hope to have the road paved and opened early next week.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Tindall Bridge: Ruts were filled in and guardrail posts were reset on east side of bridge.
- New green signs were installed at Brush St. and Hayes Ave.
- Berm was shaved down on S. River Rd.
- Some brush was cleaned up around the county.
- Culverts on CR 109 are being replaced where needed.
- Areas around town were mowed.
- Catch basin on E. State St. was repaired.
- 903 Dovetail trailer is getting a new paint job and deck.
- Cleanup in the yard continues.
- CR 128, south of St. Rt. 20, was crack sealed.
- Pot holes were filled where needed.