

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

On the latest round of Issue 2 projects, we applied for a grant for three bridges in the amount of \$140,000. It did not rate high enough to be funded. The District did not receive enough applications for the all of the loan money that was available, so they allowed applicants to switch grant requests to zero percent loans. That's what we did on this project and our County Commissioners agreed to pay the loan back on our behalf! **THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONERS!!** That frees up \$140,000 in our budget. We are in the process of figuring out where we will use it.

Last week a few of us visited the Seneca County Engineer's office to revive the Alley Ditch Petition. This project has been dormant for a couple of years but now we are going to get it rolling again. The box culvert we installed on CR 177 by Kuny's Market is on the Alley Ditch.

Yesterday Carlos and I met with B & W Welding about repairing the stringer to floor beam connections on the Tindall Bridge. They proposed a very innovative way of making the repairs without removing the existing connections. This will greatly decrease the time necessary to make the repairs. We are awaiting their estimate before deciding to proceed or not.

Last week I attended the Annual County Engineer's conference in Dublin (Columbus). It was a so so conference. Eleven (11) new county engineers were introduced. Bert Dawson of Columbiana County is the longest serving county engineer at this time. He is starting his 45<sup>th</sup> year and was first elected in 1969.

Monday we will be meeting with the same engineer who designed the improvements to the air handler and A/C in the office. We will be discussing replacing the boiler.

This morning we had a meeting to discuss forming some type of collaborative with other governmental agencies in the county to share equipment. This was the first meeting of the group. It was decided that the idea has merit and will be pursued. There are grants and loans available through the State's Local Government Innovative Funds for such things which we hope to apply for once our plan is solidified.

This would involve interested townships, municipalities as well as other agencies such as the SWCD.

Our State Senator, Dave Burke, is scheduled to be in our office on February 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Turnpike situation. Be prepared, that money will probably end up going throughout the State in spite of the fact that we're the ones who get to pay the tolls!!

Welcome back Jeff!! Andy did a great job while you were gone, but it is still good to have you back. Also, we wish Andy a speedy recovery from his recent injury.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Perry Hill

February 8<sup>th</sup>

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

**INCOME COMPARISON**  
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)  
January

2013	\$331,220
2012	\$338,902

## FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well, we have had a busy couple of weeks! Hopefully the snow has slowed down, at least for a while. According to the forecast, we might even get the whole weekend off, which would be nice!! Maybe having the weekend off will give everyone the chance to get over the sickness that has been going around! Hope everyone is back and feeling well by Monday.

Around the County

- The brush crew has been out working on getting dead ash trees down.

- Ed has been working on filling pot holes.
- Mark has been relocating a ditch on CR 177.
- Eric, Tim, and Steve have been cleaning a ditch on CR 65.
- A few guys were out doing road inspections last week.
- We have been catching up on some cleaning around the yard.
- Some barricades are being fixed up and painted.
- A crew has been catching up on some spot berming around the county.
- A catch basin on Tucker Rd. was fixed earlier this week.