

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

I hope I am not jumping the gun on this, but here are our overtime figures for this winter. We have spent about \$36,000 on overtime through the first five payrolls for this year. This represents 45% of what was budgeted. \$23,000 was spent in payroll number one due to the big snow storm the day after Christmas. Last year we spent \$20,000 through the first five payrolls and a total of \$34,000 for all of 2012. So we are ahead of last year, which was an exceptionally mild winter, but still in good shape budget wise.

Richland Engineering has completed the process of identifying “fracture critical” and “fatigue prone” members of the Tindall Bridge. They have also analyzed the proposed method of repairing the stringer to floor beam connections. We are in the process of hiring B & W Welding to do this work. If all goes well, it should be done by the time the painters return to finish their work.

We have hired a mechanical engineer to develop plans for replacing the office boiler. This is the same firm that did the plans for the air handling system. If the entire heating/cooling system doesn't work in the future, we know who to call.

Our State Senator Dave Burke visited our office on February 28th. He asked about raising the legal maximum load from 80,000# to 90,000#. Since his visit, there has been considerable opposition to this proposal and very little support. He also asked about the Turnpike overpass situation. We, of course, think these are the Turnpike's responsibility. In reality the Turnpike has only committed to eleven specific locations in our county. It should be expanded to all county and township roads that cross the Turnpike. I testified before the Senate Transportation Committee about this topic on March 6th. I also talked about the money that the Turnpike will be directing to ODOT as part of the new bill being proposed. I mentioned that local governments should receive a portion of this windfall, especially the thirteen counties through which the Turnpike passes. I objected to money being distributed throughout the State.

Not sure where all this will end up, but it is good to know Senator Burke will be looking out for our best interests and would like to thank him for his visit.

Our annual meeting with Township Trustees is coming up on the 27th of this month. We have also invited municipal officials to attend this year also. If you know of any topics that should be brought up, please let me know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cody Amor February 22nd
Steve Pfeiffer March 19th

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January – February

2013	\$675,029
2012	\$687,231

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (BENNY CARD)

If your Benny card expires March 2013 –a new one will be mailed to your house. You may need your Member ID# to activate the card –I can provide that number to you.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Attached to the Road Report is a notice that describes how protected health information (PHI) may be used or disclosed by your Group Health Plan to carry out payment, health care operations, and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

CR 177 DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK

Work is finished for now on CR 177/
Alley Ditch. Rock was hammered out to
lower the ditch and also set it back.

The banks have been shaped up and
the road side shoulder has been widened
along the ditch. What a big improvement.
LOOKS GREAT!! Mark and his crew have
now moved to the other end of CR 177,
(down at Twp. Rd. 292). This is an area
along the road that does not have much
shoulder. Our goal is to widen the shoulder
in this area about 12' to 15' using the
accumulated dirt on CR 294. It will be a
very good improvement plus it will clean up
an eye sore on CR's 294.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Culverts were located on CR 247,
268, 260, and 132 for replacement.
- Areas spot bermed as needed.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Ditches on CR's 65 and 117 were
cleaned.
- Minor snow events were attended to
as needed.
- Brush is being trimmed on east side
of the county.
- Sink hole was repaired on CR 308.
- Guardrail on Morrison Rd. and Siler
St. were repaired.
- Some plow damage was repaired on
Finefrock.
- Dirt spoils were leveled from ditch
cleanings on CR's 65 and 12.
- The old trailer that housed pipe
fittings was hauled out for scrap.
- Plow trucks were washed after each
snow event.
- Night crew cleaned and waxed the
mowing tractors.
- Tile was repaired again on CR 192.
- A drainage tile is being installed on
CR 11 west of CR 32.