

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

As the season changes, so does our type of work. We are now starting to wind down on the construction projects for the year. All of the paving and berming has been completed by M&B on CR 41. Pavement Markings and RPM's were installed this week. The only item left on the CR 41 contract is the installation of monument boxes. M&B is planning to perform those at the end of the month. This work will be supervised by our surveyor Dean Silva. Our crews have been out (weather permitting) touching up stone driveways and placing dirt along high areas left by the paving. If the weather cooperates, we will continue to place dirt along the shoulders until it is all completed.

The beams were installed on the RY 226 Bridge last week. B&W welding supplied the crane and truck trailers to deliver and place the beams. Our guys performed the beam installation off the crane. It all went pretty smooth. The bridge crew is now doing channel and cleanup work and getting it ready for paving. Chad and I met Troy with Townsend Twp. to see if he could pave the bridge for us. Our guys will pave the base on the approaches and have Troy pave the rest of the road. Troy agreed to do it with our old paver. We hope to have it ready to pave sometime next week.

Jim, Chad, and I met with ODOT and the State Hwy. Patrol on the intersection of CR 41 & SR 590. ODOT will be looking to upgrade the signage at the intersection by increasing the size of the stop signs from 30" to 36". They will also add another stop sign on the south side of CR 41 for the westbound traffic. We suggested a solar LED light for the stop sign on the south side of CR 41 for the eastbound traffic. This seems to be the direction that people are traveling and running through the stop sign. ODOT will be getting back to us about the light in the near future. The other upgrades will be happening very soon.

Last week we sent out the Hoeflich Ditch plans to ODNR for their review. They have 30 days to respond if they have any comments or suggestions for this petition ditch project. The drainage dept. is working on calculating assessments for the property owners benefited by this project.

Once we receive the plans back from ODNR and we complete the assessments, we will then schedule the final hearing with the county commissioners. The next project on the agenda is the Stahl Road project. Plans are done but we are still finalizing the details of the project.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO PROUD GRANDMA, KRIS FOREMAN

It's a Boy!

Braxton Anthony Meade joins his big brother Bentley!

Name: Braxton Anthony Meade

Weight: 6lbs 13oz

Length: 20 inches

Date: October 7, 2014

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO PROUD GRANDPA, JAN DORR

It's a Girl!

Ellie Jo Keegan joins her big brother Jackson Lee Keegan!

Name: Ellie Jo Keegan

Weight: 5lbs 5oz

Length: 18 ½ inches

Date: August 11, 2014

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

BUDGET

Jim and I are working on the 2015 budget; if you know of something that needs replaced, repaired...let Chad know. If you are considering retiring in 2015, please let me know by October 30th.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The month of November is open enrollment. During this open enrollment period, an employee and their eligible dependents may elect coverage or change coverage. **Please let me know if you would like to make any changes to your current plan by November 14th.**

OPERS (Ohio Public Employees Retirement System)

If you are considering retiring within the next FOUR years, it's important to be aware of the following changes to OPERS Health Care Plan and the impact they can have on your decision to retire.

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE OPERS HEALTH CARE PLAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2015.

New eligibility rules:

Members will be required to have at least **20 years** of qualifying service **and** be at least **60 years old** to qualify for health care or have 30 years of qualifying service at any age. This means that eligible members have until November to decide whether or not to retire under the "current eligibility rule" of 10 years of service.

Members must **not** be on their employer's payroll later than November 30, 2014, in order to qualify for OPERS retiree health care with 10 years of service, because the retirement effective date must be no later than December 1, 2014.

GUARDIAN LIFE AND DENTAL

Sandusky County offers dental and life insurance through Guardian. Open enrollment is in December; if you are interested in enrolling or would like information, let me know.

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January-September

2014 \$3,192,261
2013 \$3,181,462

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

BRIDGE WORK

Much has been completed on the RY 226 Bridge. The walls have been backfilled, the channel was cleaned out, rock was placed in front of both walls, beams were set, beams were grouted, a tile was installed on the south east corner, banks are being

shaped up, and approach work is being done.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Driveways on CR 41 were touched up with berm stone.
- CR 41 Bridge has been cleaned up, paved, bermed, and opened.
- Dirt work continues on CR 41. We are placing dirt along the road to back up the berm stone.
- Perry has started relocating and installing signs where needed according to our recent curve and sign study.
- Trees were trimmed back at the intersection of CR 181 and Smith Rd.
- A tile was repaired on CR 41 near TR 26
- Ed is back in the boom mower working on the deep ditches around the county.