

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

I met with Kacey Smith of ODOT recently. Kacey is the Administrator of the ODOT's Sandusky County Garage. She also has Seneca County and will soon have Ottawa County too. I gave her the nickel tour of our facility to give her an idea of what equipment we have, in case they would like to borrow something. ODOT will be building a new garage in the northeast quadrant of the Route 20/SR 53 intersection, near Advantage Ford, starting very soon. The City of Fremont will be taking over their current garage on Oak Harbor Road. They are willing to supply us with brine solution. We are planning on a "meet and greet" for our employees and theirs to get better acquainted. So far, a date has not been set.

Steve Pfeiffer reports that the liquid system works well on his new truck. Our second new truck was delivered today, so maybe before too long, we'll also get Chad Bender's opinion too. It looks like pretreatment of salt with some type of liquid is the way to go. So far, all we have is Beet Heat. We will soon be getting a new water tank to haul brine as needed. It will also be used to supply our new hydroseeder which has been ordered and will be here before too long.

A berm reclaimer and a power broom have been ordered for our remaining New Holland mowing tractor (# 087). When done, it should be one of the nicest units around. Both attachments are removable so it can still be used for mowing if necessary. Should make berm dragging and sweeping more enjoyable too.

The Miller Ditch project has officially started. Equipment and pipe deliveries started yesterday.

Enjoy the warm weather forecast for this weekend!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cody Amor

February 22nd

FROM THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR

The mild winter that we have been having this year, I was able to survey various roads and ditch project.

Roads

- Completed road survey of TR 220 from CR 213 to US 20, for Green Creek Township paving program.
- Surveyed a roadside ditch on TR 93, just south of TR 56 with the idea of acquiring the necessary easements to relocate the ditch away from the road.
- Located the road right - of - way on CR 169, so that the utility company can relocate the poles for a ditch clean out.
- Just started the survey on the curve on CR 185 south of Limerick Rd. for possible improvement before road paving.

Ditches

I have been very busy on ditch improvement projects. With the help of Cody and Steve;

- We started the construction layout of the Miller Ditch Project in Green Creek Twp. The contractor has moved in this week and has started working on this project.
- We are establishing benchmarks for the Guy Fisher Ditch in Scott Twp.
- We are in the process of surveying the Michaels Ditch in Jackson Twp. We have completed 4700' of the ditch with about 3000' to go. The ditch runs through two separate woods and a lot of brush throughout the project. With the heavy amount of brush throughout the project, the G.P.S. cannot be used, so we are cutting brush in order to run baseline paths to acquire cross-sections.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

We had a few snow events over the holiday weekend. Nothing too serious, but enough to make the roads slippery and for us to salt them down. Trucks were dumped and washed up this week. Salt was mixed for the stock and salt is being delivered.

Mark is just about wrapped up with the ditch cleaning on CR 82. Next week, we will be putting the mulcher on the excavator and cleaning up some ditch banks on TR 260. Also, starting today, Don Hovis will be cleaning a ditch for us up on CR 169.

Spot berming continues around the county.

The Brush Crew is still out on the east side of the county cleaning up in the right - of - ways. They have also been working on the list of brush around bridges.

The old weight room is in the process of a makeover. The walls have been painted, some floor tiles were repaired and the floor has been stripped and waxed.