

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

We have been busy in the office getting plans ready for our bid date of April 12, 2016. That day, we will be opening bids on three projects. The first is paving CR 179 (Maple), CR 181, CR 185, CR 192 (Finefrock), and CR 197 (Limerick). We are also bidding a Pavement Marking contract throughout the county with approximately 80 centerline miles of markings. We have invited the Townships, Cities, and Villages to participate in this contract, but so far we haven't had much interest. The final project is the TR 220 project in Green Creek Township. This project consists of widening TR 220 from CR 213 to SR 20. When we are all said and done, the road will be about 20' wide.

We are doing something a little different with these contracts this year. We will be opening the bids here in our ready room instead of the Commissioner's office. County Commissioners and Township Trustees will already be here for the annual Township Trustees Meeting, which will be held following the bid openings.

We currently have two different contractors working on our ditch petition projects. Great Lakes Demolition is working on the Alley Ditch. All of the brush has been removed and burned or removed from the site. They are currently cleaning the ditch just south of our CR 177 box. Unilliance is working on the Miller Tile project. They have also removed all of the brush but have not disposed of it. They are currently digging the new ditch and have about two more working days before they complete the rest of the ditch. After that, they need to construct the tile portion of the project.

Here are some other projects that we have been working on. Preliminary paperwork for the Sugar Creek petition was completed and given to Bob Schroder to officially file and petition it in the near future. Drainage department is also working on the watershed and interviews in Ottawa County for the Wolf Creek petition project. Interviews in Sandusky County have pretty much been completed.

We took measurements and pictures of the Guy Fisher Ditch. Just need to take few shots of the current elevations and benchmarks and this project will be ready for its final hearing. Dean, Cody, and Steve have also been working on the survey for the Michaels Ditch. We also received, this week, preliminary final design plans on the Schwochow ditch project from our consultant, Jones and Henry.

Wishing Jim a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

SPRING FORWARD

Move clocks forward one hour at 2:00 AM Sunday, March 13th

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

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

2016 \$687,171
2015 \$693,069

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Our thoughts and prayers goes out to Adam Kozak and his family in the recent loss of his grandmother.

For the past few weeks, the weather has been unpredictable. It has been cold, warm, snowy, rainy, and windy. We were out this morning for about 2 inches of snow and, by Tuesday, it could possibly be 70 degrees. It has definitely been an unusual winter.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Guardrail on CR 89 was repaired and pulled back straight.
- Ditch spoils were leveled in the field on CR 41
- With the temperature fluctuations and precipitation, filling pot holes has been a regular job.
- Spot berming is being done as needed.
- The ditch on CR 82 was finished and now the excavator is on TR 260 and

CR 183 with the new brush grinder cleaning up the brush on the ditch banks. It is doing a good job now that we got the hydraulic flow rates figured out.

- Crews have also been out taking down the snow fence for the year and repairing any plow damage.
- With warmer temperature expected, we are going to get started on some construction projects. The 32 bridge will be starting soon and also start setting back mailboxes on Limerick and Finefrock.