

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

Our construction season is quickly winding down as the weather is starting to turn. M&B finished with all of the paving of CR 175 yesterday afternoon. Their crews still have to berm sections of the road and do some cleanup work. Next week, their subcontractors will come in to do the pavement markings and RPM's. This was a long and difficult project, given the amount of driveways and the traffic conditions. Our crews will be placing topsoil along yard areas to backfill against the new asphalt. Kudos to Rick for all his hard work inspecting this job.

Great Lakes Demolition has also been working on the Schwochow Ditch petition project. The project consists of 4 different areas along the ditch and behind residential properties. They have completed 2 out of the 4 areas to date. They will be starting area number 4 next week which has the most amount of work, as far as ditch relocation and backfill. We encountered a conflict on area number 1 with two pipelines. Our consultant, Jones & Henry, is coming up with a solution. So far residents are really happy with what the contractor has been able to accomplish.

This past Tuesday, Jim and I attended the 2017 Asphalt Pavement Technical Seminar in Perrysburg. These seminars are presented by Flexible Pavements of Ohio. The biggest thing that I learned from this seminar was the new asphalt mix design called Thinlay. The asphalt industry has come up with a mix design to compete with some of the other cheaper pavement preservation options out there, like Micro Surfacing, or Chip and Seal. This new Thinlay mix can be laid as a surface course as thin as 3/4". It's a little more expensive than conventional asphalt, but it doesn't need to be as thick. We may need to try it in the future.

The Nexus project is ramping up. We have been getting bombarded with Special Haul Permits going to two sites in the county. One on CR 294 in Townsend Township, and the other on TR 93 in Woodville Township. It looks like the pipeline contractor will be starting in January with access drives, and clearing for the pipeline. Mainline construction is set to start in March.

Condolences go out to the family of Dave Brunkhorst who passed away, at the age of 69, this past Saturday. Dave was the Ottawa County Engineer from 2004 until he retired in 2014. R.I.P. Dave.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

(Years of Employment)

Jenna Sommers November 8<sup>th</sup> 13 years

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The excavator crew cleaned the silt around two bridges on Smith Rd., north of Cole Rd. Now the machine is on TR 250 where a log jam was removed, and brush is being grinded away from the bridge. Once they are done grinding, there will be some silt to remove.

The Mini has stayed busy as well. Eric cleaned a small section of the Buehler – Gessner Ditch for Ditch Maintenance, then cleaned the ditch along CR 41 in the area we just installed some new pipe. Now he is at TR 88 repairing washouts along a ditch.

Mowing was finished up last week on the east side of the county. Crews headed back to the west side to get the back banks now that crops are coming off. They will also handle whatever else may be needed along the way. Eddie has finished up with the Boom Mower on our roads. He is now working the deeper ditches for the townships.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Tim has been busy leveling spoils on the Fred Paul Ditch and also the Buehler-Gessner Ditch, for Ditch Maintenance.
- Three bridges on TR 183 were waterproofed before paving.
- A 6" tile was repaired on CR 247.
- A second yard drain was installed on CR 41 at Westwood Dr.
- An asphalt repair was done this week on CR 232.
- Yesterday, crews started dirt berming areas along CR 175.

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

FLEXIBLE SPENDING - Enroll now for 2018 and pay less into Federal, State, City, School, and Medicare Tax. The Deadline is Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in enrolling and would like more information, please let me know.

SUPERIOR DENTAL (INCLUDES VISION DISCOUNTS) AND GUARDIAN LIFE - Open Enrollment is Now through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Superior Dental offers vision discounts through Eye Med.

### THANKSGIVING

If you are planning on taking the day after Thanksgiving off, please submit a vacation request by November 8<sup>th</sup>.