

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ronnie Herr who passed away on July 11, 2018 at the age of 82. I remember Ronnie mostly for being our Paver Operator (who can ever forget “Clear!”?), plowing snow and his dry sense of humor and wit. RIP Ronnie.

I hope we are done bidding Township paving jobs for the year. With each one, prices go up and there are fewer bidders. The cost of surface asphalt was \$54.50 a ton on Napoleon Road, and now the cost of that same asphalt is \$68.00 a ton. Madison and Jackson Townships both opened their bids Monday evening. Madison had two bidders and Jackson only had one.

The NEXUS Pipeline is nearing completion in Riley and Townsend Townships. We have marked the needed road repairs which should start in the next couple of weeks.

Believe it or not, it is budget time again. Our budget process is very simple — identify expected work and purchases, and estimate our costs and income. If no expenses exceed the estimates and income is as high as estimated, we will be in good shape at the end of the year. To make sure expenses don't exceed the estimates, very few expenses are added if they are not in the original budget. Every year someone comes up with a great idea that we should proceed with. The only problem is, it came up long after the budget is done. So now is the time to think about the future and make suggestions for what equipment or supplies we might need.

Speaking of new equipment, the latest I have heard is that our new trucks will be built in August and will be ready for this winter. Once we have them, we will be selling 051 and 052. Jackson Township is interested in one of them. The other one is in such a condition that we will not be selling it directly to any Township, unless of course they want to bid on it at whatever online auction service we use.

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to send condolences from everyone at the Sandusky County Engineer's Department to the family of Ronald Herr. Ron passed away July 11, 2018 at the age of 82. Ron was a loyal and hardworking employee. His good natured humor, and common sense way of looking at life would always put a smile on your face. You will be missed Ron!

The men on the Road Crews and in the Maintenance Shop have been busy keeping trucks and equipment running strong. Perry and the Sign Shop have been working to repair the stop light at Hayes and Brush Street. They also have been working on lights for Lakota Schools.

The Fangboner Ditch Enclosure is done! The crew has moved north down the road, building the shoulder along the road's edge. As a result, we have cleaned up all the dirt at Country Side Drive.

The crews have also been cleaning Tindall Bridge, mowing, spot paving on CR 30, and repairing guardrails. *GOOD JOB GUYS!!*

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – June

2018 \$2,214,445

2017 \$2,199,553

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

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| <i>Dean Silva</i> | <i>July 23rd</i> | <i>39 years</i> |
| <i>Tara Shanahan</i> | <i>July 24th</i> | <i>1 year</i> |