

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

On Thursday, I met with the Commissioners to discuss our support for improvements, proposed by ODOT, on the East end of the bypass. ODOT is proposing to apply for safety monies to eliminate the dangerous intersection of CR 198/CR 229 with US 20 and add two new ramps (on & off) to connect the bypass to East State Street. We are in agreement that something needs to be done to this intersection, and to the east end of the bypass, to eliminate the possibility of dangerous and even fatal accidents. Further discussions will continue within the coming weeks. Applications are due in early May for this type of safety funding.

On Thursday, we finalized the installation of a curb and gutter on the Third Avenue hill. We hired Smith Paving out of Norwalk to install the curb. Previously, our guys had installed a new 12" pipe and catch basin, to give the water running down the hill an outlet. This work was performed to eliminate the erosion occurring on the berm of Third Avenue, as the water velocity was causing severe damage to the edge of the road. Our guys and Smith Paving did a great job and the curb looks great (See attached pictures).

On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Republican Central Committee of Sandusky County, appointed me as the permanent replacement to finish the term left vacant by the retirement of Jim Moyer. My term runs until December of 2020. I would like to thank the Republican Central Committee for their support. My permanent swear-in ceremony will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm, at the Courthouse.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Republican Party voted Carlos as the new County Engineer, finishing out this term. On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, he will be sworn in by Judge Jeremiah Ray to make it completely official. Congratulations Carlos!!

These past two weeks a lot of miscellaneous maintenance work has been done around the yard and on the road. Perry, with the help of Nick, Tony, and a few others, remodeled Carlos's new office, which turned out great! Plows and salters are getting washed and oiled and put away for the season. A new walk in door was installed in building #9, and new outdoor lights are being replaced on some of the buildings in the yard.

Out on the road, we have been keeping the berm reclaimer going as much as possible. Matt, Tony, and Steve have worked all the roads on the west side of the county, with the exception of a few. We will keep reclaiming berms for as long as we can, but may have to put it on hold until fall, and move our focus on mowing. Mark, Jimmy, Kory, and Brian have been working on pothole areas with the cracksealer. The intent is to use the crackseal material as a tack, then fill the pothole with coldmix, and then seal it over with the cracksealer. It's not a permanent fix, but one that will last longer than just coldmix.

Also this week we installed about 220' of 12" pipe along CR 198.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

<i>Perry Hill</i>	<i>April 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>17 yrs.</i>
<i>Eric Wheatley</i>	<i>April 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>17 yrs.</i>