

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

We had a pre-construction meeting this morning for the 2019 OPWC Township resurfacing project. The contractor is M&B Asphalt and the lead Twp. is Woodville. The other townships included in this round are: Jackson, Madison, Rice, Riley, and Washington. M&B is planning to start paving these roads in the beginning of September, but M&B mentioned that they might be able to start paving earlier than September, as their schedule changes.

We still have at least 2.5 months of good paving weather left in the year, but all of our paving has been completed. M&B finished paving CR 239 about two weeks ago. This year, we paved, in all, a total of 16 miles of roads (CR 53 north & south, CR 229, & CR 239). In order to keep our roads on a 15 year cycle, we need to be paving about 20 miles per year, so we are close. This year that was possible due to the 80% federal grant we received to pave CR 53. My hope is that the new gas tax and permissive license fee increases would make up for the shortage to be able to maintain our roads and bridges well into the future. We are still waiting on the numbers from the 10.5 cent gas tax increase. So far, in the month of July 2019, the increase in funding was \$513.43 compared to July 2018.

This past week, the commissioners and I attended the TMACOG Summer Caucus with State Law makers at Penta Career Center in Rossford. Several senators and state representatives were present to answer our questions. The biggest topic of concern right now is the algae blooms and overall water quality of the western basin of Lake Erie. Law makers are working with farmers and businesses to figure out ways to reduce nutrients flowing into the lake. Much work needs done, in that regard, from all parties.

Chad and I have identified several miscellaneous projects that we would like to complete before the end of the year. We will be extending some culverts, replacing some catch basins, doing some bridge repairs, and also preparing our parking lot for paving. We also have some ditch cleaning and miscellaneous storm sewer work.

Check your paychecks and make sure you received a raise. Everyone received a raise starting this payroll period. The last time our employees received a pay increase was in 2017. Keep up the good work!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Kory Keegan August 11th 5 years
Rick Villarreal August 12th 23 years

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Roadside mowing continues around the county. Crews are on the west side now. With this hot, dry spell the crews are able to get more of the back banks that we were not able to get the first time around. Matt is also out west in the boom mower. Keep up the good job everyone!

Some berm work was done on Port Clinton RD after paving was completed. Also, the new rumble strips were cut in at Deadman's Curve.

- Road Work Updates -

- ✓ The East State Street project was finished up this week, except for seeding and mulching.
- ✓ Areas around town were mowed.
- ✓ Spoils were hauled off Nine-Mile Ditch for Ditch Maintenance.

FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER

The Sandusky County Engineer's Office has submitted a request for 25% match grant funding (\$75,000 request) to replace two older diesel dump/snow plow trucks and the sign truck. The grant is funded through the Ohio EPA by way of a recent Volkswagen court-ordered settlement. The Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund aims to reduce diesel emissions and offset excess air pollution. Sandusky County is considered a second priority county in the state of Ohio, and one of only 26 counties in Ohio having eligibility. Last year Fairfield County, Ohio was successful in receiving the grant to replace a fleet of their diesel dump/snow plow trucks. Our office should find out late this winter if our grant application was successful.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – June
2019: \$1,171,579
2018: \$1,151,834

Health Insurance

Health Insurance rates increased 2.48%. Payroll deductions are posted and will go into effect on your next paycheck.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Kristine Randolph August 12th

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY!!!

<i>Dean Silva</i>	<i>July 23rd</i>	<i>40 years</i>
<i>Rich Randolph</i>	<i>July 16th</i>	<i>29 years</i>
<i>Tony Miller</i>	<i>July 5th</i>	<i>8 years</i>
<i>Matt Wonderly</i>	<i>July 18th</i>	<i>3 years</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>July 18th</i>	<i>3 years</i>
<i>Travis Arter</i>	<i>July 18th</i>	<i>3 years</i>
<i>Tara Shanahan</i>	<i>July 24th</i>	<i>2 years</i>

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Brian King July 30th