

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

It's rare that people take the time to compliment any of the things we do, so it is exceptional that we received compliments about two employees recently. The first was from a lady in Ottawa County who thanked us for the assistance she received from Jenna about a problem she was having on a petition ditch and wasn't getting help from anyone else. The second was from someone who called and thanked Travis (in 132) for the assistance he gave them when they were stuck in the snow, on Route 20 no less. Thanks not only to Jenna and Travis, but to everyone else who does these sorts of things, but goes unnoticed.

I have kept a phone log and a detailed calendar since becoming County Engineer on January 7, 1985. I also kept a diary for a while and accumulated miscellaneous newspaper articles annually for a number of years. The time has come to do something with them. The phone logs don't have much value, so they are being recycled. The calendars, diaries, and newspaper articles are more interesting. For example, Carlos mentioned he met with me about a job when he was a college student. Sure enough, on November 6, 1996 at nine o'clock in the morning, I met with a Carlos Baez about a job! I evidently didn't think he had much potential since I didn't hire him. Who would have ever guessed that he would eventually become the County Engineer! On my first day on the job, snowplows went out at 7:30 AM and we had an employee meeting at 11:00. Mark Swartz's first day was July 1, 1985. His first job was to design the railroad approach on CR 308 south of SR 18. That is now a township road. I would be happy to share little tidbits like these as I find them, if anyone is interested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jenna Sommers February 4th
Perry Hill February 8th
Travis Arter February 12th
Elizabeth Royster February 12th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It has been a little while since our last Road Report, and quite a bit has been going on; *mostly winter weather!* We have been pretty much dealing with snow since the middle of January, and this past week with brutal temperatures and wind chills.

The first week of January, our two new Western Stars arrived, and were ready to be put in service. Thank goodness, because we were down to the bare minimum for snow plow trucks. Since then, we have purchased two more Western Stars. The cab and chassis are already built and at the dealership. Judco will start outfitting these in May or June. In the meantime, we will be ordering two more tandem Western Stars, but we will not see these trucks until February of 2020, at the earliest. So far, so good, with the ones we have now.

Prior to all the snow events, we were out on the roads working on different projects. Ditches were cleaned on CR 198, Tiffin Road, and another ditch was started on CR 109. Brush was ground on CR 106, the wooded areas on CR 109, and around two bridges on TR170, and one bridge on CR 151. The Brush Crew was still working on routes on the east side of the county.

This weekend the temperatures are supposed to get into the 40's and 50's, *and* carry on into next week. Hopefully we can get back to cleaning ditches, and clearing up brush.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – December

2018: \$4,393,310

2017: \$4,370,292

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY!!

<i>Jim Seibert</i>	<i>December 12th</i>	<i>2 yrs.</i>
<i>Lee Klohn</i>	<i>January 1st</i>	<i>2 yrs.</i>
<i>Remington Smith</i>	<i>January 3rd</i>	<i>2 yrs.</i>
<i>Cody Amor</i>	<i>January 3rd</i>	<i>14 yrs.</i>
<i>Elizabeth Royster</i>	<i>January 4th</i>	<i>3 yrs.</i>
<i>Jim Moyer</i>	<i>January 7th</i>	<i>34 yrs.</i>
<i>Steve Pfeiffer</i>	<i>January 10th</i>	<i>14 yrs.</i>
<i>Mark Auxter</i>	<i>January 22nd</i>	<i>40 yrs.</i>
<i>Chad Fisher</i>	<i>January 25th</i>	<i>20 yrs.</i>

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<i>Jim Moyer</i>	<i>December 29th</i>
<i>Jimmy Sanford</i>	<i>January 7th</i>
<i>Tony Miller</i>	<i>January 14th</i>
<i>Lee Klohn</i>	<i>January 18th</i>
<i>Remington Smith</i>	<i>January 18th</i>
<i>Jim Seibert</i>	<i>January 22nd</i>
<i>Eric Wheatley</i>	<i>January 30th</i>
<i>Tara Shanahan</i>	<i>January 30th</i>

