

ROAD REPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Sandusky County Engineer

No. 5

March 23, 2012

FROM THE ENGINEER

Last week Matt Reinhart and I attended a storm water conference in Columbus. One of the topics covered was salt storage. By improperly storing salt various agencies have contaminated nearby wells and water courses. The fear is that this is going to get worse since many agencies (including us) are obligated to buy a minimum amount of salt in compliance with ODOT's contract. Some may be forced to store it outside if they do not have enough covered storage space. Fortunately, we should have enough room for ours.

A site development class from Terra toured our facilities this past Monday. Their class project involves developing plans for a bike path to connect the college with Fremont. I also met with Terra's Treasurer this week about possibly improving their Napoleon Road entrance next year. They will be hiring an engineer for the planning.

This month will be another one for the record books. I thought it was rare a couple of years ago when our trucks never went out in March at all. But that doesn't compare to this year. This week we had four days in the 80's all record highs. We also had in the neighborhood of 5" of rain last Friday!

We have an employee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th. Be sure to bring your questions!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rick Villarreal
Matt Reinhart

March 29th
April 3rd

THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

Last Wednesday we opened the bids for the Various Roads Raised Pavement Markings project. The low bidder was American Highway Safety out of Norwalk. This project is being funded 100% from an ODOT & FHWA grant through the CEAO. After this project is completed in late summer, we will have the vast majority of our roads with RPM's, which would make our roads safer.

Looking at the last couple of weeks, we have been getting a lot of drainage calls and complaints. Matt, Rich, and Jim have been handling most of those. Rick has been busy inspecting culverts throughout the county and gathering information for the Township paving projects. Dean has been coordinating and supervising the crosses (section corners) painting project throughout the county. The painting of these crosses will give reference locations for our Tax Map office and their consultant during the county flyover for the GIS aerial photos. We also have a pre-construction meeting this coming Tuesday with Kokosing Construction, which will be our contractor for this year's paving projects. We will find out their schedule for the paving season.

Beams for the RY 232 bridge have been made and are ready to be delivered and installed. We are coordinating with prestress services for delivery sometime in the first or second weekend of April. Also, plans are in the works for WA 82 and the other bridges and improvements to be built this year.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

IN THE YARD

Building #1 has undergone a few changes in the last couple of weeks. All the walls from the old office have been removed along with the raised concrete floor, ceiling, and the chimney. It has really opened that building up. Mayle Construction will be coming in to patch the roof where the chimney was.

We will probably get some estimates on pouring the concrete floor. We will still have to fix the ceiling, plus board up the windows and door.

WA. 82-0.59 BRIDGE BEAMS

Seven beams have now been poured. The last three cages have been tied. By next week we should have those formed and poured.

PAINTING SURVEY POINTS

The crew has been out working diligently on trying to get the X's painted on the roadways for the flyover. They have been touching up the faded ones and painting new ones on the newly paved roads.

RIVER CLIFF GOLF COURSE TILE

Mark and his crew have been working on replacing the outlet end of a tile that runs from Tiffin St. through the golf course and into the river. For now we are replacing about 100ft. of the outlet end of the tile. This section seemed to be the problem area, which caused the flooding on Tiffin St. and through the golf course. This should help this area greatly.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Snow fence was taken down.
- 198 ditch enclosure was finished up.
- 600 ton of salt was ordered and stacked in the shed.
- Another 600 ton of salt was ordered to fill the contract for the year.
- Wash outs were repaired on various ditches from the heavy rains.
- Tim R. is working on leveling ditch spoils.
- Roads were ran for high water.
- Snow plows were used to scrape off field debris from roadways.
- Wash outs were bermed from the high water.
- Offices were cleaned, grass mowed, and clean up around the yard.
- Ditches that were cleaned were seeded.
- Tiles on Fangboner, 247, and 65 were blown out.
- Vehicles were washed.
- Night shift is back to days.