

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Terra State Community College is in the process of doing some long term planning. One thing they have to decide is if they want their own entrance off of SR 53. If they do, it most likely would be placed somewhere between Napoleon and Creek Roads. Their decision will determine what might be done with the Napoleon/53 intersection. If they construct an entrance, it's possible nothing will have to be done.

Carlos and I attended a meeting last week about removal of the Ballville Dam. If their projections are right and there are no delays, the south end of the dam will be lowered eight feet this October. Rather than removing the silt, they plan on letting it wash downstream. Let's hope it doesn't end up under State Street Bridge. They are also considering putting in some ice control structures which will basically be huge concrete columns. They put a barge in the river yesterday from South River Road and are now taking soil/rock borings in the vicinity of the campgrounds in anticipation of constructing these.

We are going to try an experiment on paint striping State Street this year. The same contractor that is doing State Street for the City will also do our portions. We normally use polyester paint, but this will be water based which is cheaper. We are going to use two different rates of application to see how they hold up.

The Stahl Road drainage project we have spent a considerable amount of time designing over the last few years has been cancelled. In its place the Township has asked that we prepare a petition to follow a different route between Stahl and Morrison Roads.

Two weeks ago our computer server was knocked out by a power outage. This basically put the office out of business. Thanks to the quick work of Gary Kirsch from the Court House and Carlos of our office and a used server found on the internet, we were back up and running in just a couple of days. We intend to either obtain or have access to a backup server in case this ever happens again. Thanks to Carlos and Gary for taking care of this so promptly.

Building 1 continues to change. Ever since the light was taken out of the boiler room, it's been very hard to see in there. Today Cody & Crew took care of that by knocking down the walls! The former interior walls in the entire building are now gone. Soon we'll be ready to pour a new floor in the south end.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve Pfeiffer March 19th

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

February

2012	\$687,231
2011	\$684,359

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It's been awhile since our last road report, and a lot of work has been done over this time. March 4th and 5th brought one of our larger snow events of the year, with about 3.5 inches accumulating. It has been an unusual winter this year. With the way temperatures and weather conditions have been, we have decided to bring the night shift back to days a little early this year. The last day for the night shift will be March 16th. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication this winter season.

DITCH CLEANINGS

Mark has finished cleaning the ditch on CR. 65. What a process that ditch took to clean, hammering out rock in different sections to get the water to flow. Cody cleaned a ditch on CR. 32 and CR. 247 with some help from Tim B., Eddie, and Eric. The list is slowly getting smaller. We rented a mini excavator to help speed up this process, but the machine was just a bit too small to make it worthwhile. Cody did enjoy running it though! Terry McConnell has also been helping us out on our ditches.

He has cleaned a mile stretch on CR. 141 and about a ½ mile stretch on CR. 89. There are two other ditches he has agreed to clean for us.

WO. 82-0.59 BRIDGE BEAMS

The bridge crew has been busy working on the beam for WO. 82-0.59. Four beam cages were tied, formed up, and poured. Today the crew is pulling those beams out of the building and will be setting up forms for another concrete pour next week. After that, the crew will still have two more cages to tie up before the final pour.

CR. 198 DITCH ENCLOSURE

We have enclosed the large ditch on CR. 198 south of TR. 245. It is a run of 30" RCP about 450 ft. long. This will definitely gain us some shoulder and not such a large drop off in that section of road. Mark is working on leveling the dirt over the pipe. The rest of the dirt that was stock piled was hauled to the fairgrounds. Thanks to everyone involved for the hard work in not such good working conditions. GOOD JOB!!!!!!

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Brush cutting continues around the county.
- Trucks were dumped and washed after snow events.
- Ed filled in pot holes.
- 1000 tons of salt were ordered and pushed up.
- Catch basin unplugged on CR. 175.
- Culvert repair on CR. 177.
- Ed is wrapping up mowing back banks.
- The night shift is washing and waxing the vehicles.
- Night shift started night inspection.
- Brush was cleaned out in front of culvert pipe on CR. 65, 90, and 109.
- Guardrail was repaired at Siler and Cleveland.
- Tiles were blown out on CR. 32 and 85.
- Slipped bank was repaired on Christy Rd.
- Work in building #1 continues, removing block wall.
- Offices were cleaned and floors were scrubbed and buffed.

IN THE SHOP

Business as normal in the shop. Busy busy. The guys are working on their services, repairs, and whatever else comes up. Jeff has been getting the list of repairs around that have to be fixed by Newell Equipment on the new single axel trucks. One of the trucks will be picked up on Monday. Andy and Steve have been working hard on the service work.