

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

A lot has happened since the last edition of the Road Report! Congratulations to Chad Fisher our new Assistant Road Superintendent and Andy Brough our new mechanic. I would like to thank all who applied for these jobs. It's always difficult to choose just one when there are so many well qualified who apply. Andy and his wife are also to be congratulated on the birth of their son Malachi on May 29th.

In other personnel matters, Tom Morrison and Dean Reese both retired as of May 31. Tom started in December of 1974 and Dean August, 1981. We appreciate their years of dedicated service and wish them both a very long and happy retirement! A side affect of retirement luncheons is seeing former employees. Carl Hahn (retired drainage engineer), Bud Orndorf, Gary Spanfellner, Mike Pitchford, all retired road superintendents, Pat Cleveland, Dave Beeker, Chet Pullins and especially Marv Wasserman, retired mechanic, were all here. It was good to see them all and, as always, any former or retired employee is always welcome. Hopefully we will have an open house this summer that others will be able to attend.

Let's hope the two new employees that have been hired will be as good as Tom and Dean were. Shawn Jarrett and Matt Zilles will be starting on June 13. Shawn owns Jarrett Tree Service and has done work for us in the past. He trimmed the big oak tree west of Building 1. Matt currently works for North Coast Asphalt so he certainly has experience in the type of work we do.

The bid season is in full bore! We have bid our major work and the bids have been awarded to the lowest bidders—Gerken Paving, M & B Asphalt, Newell Equipment and B Hill'z. The results should appear elsewhere. Washington and York Townships have also received their paving bids. Tuesday night is the big one where six townships have combined for a project approaching \$1 million!! Plans for all these projects were done by our office—thanks to everyone who was involved.

The Turnpike opened bids for the TR 226 grade separation. Kokosing Construction was low at \$1,270,540.46. They beat Mosser Construction by less than \$600! This contract also includes a slip repair on the mainline Turnpike near the Fremont toll booths.

We have received the new crack sealing machine and the two new single axle dump trucks are at Nollenberger's. They should be ready to go by October 1.

The crews have been pouring concrete beams for the bridge on CR 128. Over the years these beams have been numbered so we can keep track of them. The next one poured will be Number 500!

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Dick Schneider. Dick was a retired equipment operator from the county and passed away on May 22.

Finally, on behalf of all employees, I wish Steve Fisher the best. Steve is having some medical problems and we all hope he recovers soon. In the meantime you will be missed and will be in our thoughts and prayers Steve.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income Comparison
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January – April

2011 - \$1,431,504
2010 - \$1,441,647

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO ANDY & NIKI It's a Boy!!

Name: Malachi Jay Brough
Height: 20.6 inches
Weight: 8lbs 10oz
Date: Sunday, May 29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dean Silva
Mark Swartz

May 22nd
June 15th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Jimmy Sanford May 22nd 16 yrs

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

We have had a lot going on in the 4 weeks since the last Road Report! I just wanted to say good luck to Dean Reese and Tom Morrison on their retirement, along with congratulations to Andy and Niki Brough on their new addition to the family. Our thoughts are also with Steve Fisher and hope he has a speedy recovery!

We have had a ton of rain the last few weeks and I for one am very happy to see the sun shine! Besides that we are running out of things to do in the yard! The guys have been working on getting the beams for 211 and 128 all done and ready to go. As of last night, we have new owners to our 3 old trucks out back, so they will be leaving within the next 10 days.

Out on the roads:

- Culverts are being wrapped up on County Road 11 for paving.
- Despite the rain storms, the first round of mowing is about wrapped up.
- Brush was cut back around 128 bridge.
- Guard rail repair on TR 132.
- Wood chips were placed around guard rail on County Road 1.
- Clean up from water on CR's 65, 90, 117, 259.
- Work on driveway by costume holiday house.

FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER MATT REINHART

The results of the govdeals.com sales:

Truck #848 = Sold for \$1,600.00; after GovDeals fee, profit of \$1,480.00
Truck #803 = Sold for \$2,805.00; after GovDeals fee, profit of \$2,594.62
Truck #972 = Sold for \$12,200.00; after GovDeals fee, profit of \$11,285.00

Total Net Profit = \$15,359.62