

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

In thirty years, I don't think we've ever been caught up in the office, but we are about as close now as we have ever been. Several long standing petition ditch projects are either completed or about to be completed and plans for upcoming road and bridge projects are also about done. Thanks to everyone responsible—it is appreciated!

The Commissioners and I met with some ODOT personnel recently about two things. One is the proposed location of their new maintenance facility planned for the northeast corner of SR 20 and SR 53. The concern is that if they build it there, they may not be able to correct the problem of the SR 53 and SR 19 ramps being too close together. The other issue is construction of a better way to access 53 southbound from west State Street.

We are officially on ODOT's bidder list for salt for next winter. We put in for 3,000 tons. They bid "summer fill" salt recently and the price came in around \$70 a ton. This compares to \$105 last winter and \$32 a ton for the previous winter.

The Townships have been unusually active on paving plans this year. So far we have prepared plans or estimates for all but one Township. We are also preparing plans for a couple of streets in Gibsonburg. We did the same streets back in the early 90's.

We were recently informed about House Bill 106 which was enacted last year. It calls for new warning signs that have a \$2,000 penalty for driving through high-water. Good idea I suppose, but the signs are 5' wide.

I am glad I don't have to pick up all the rock that was generated by the installation of a new gas line on Brush Street. That, by the way, was installed without a permit.

We've got word about new sanitary sewer projects on East State Street and Hayes Avenue, but nothing definite yet. We have inquired if there is any warranty on the Hayes Avenue asphalt that was installed last year as part of a sewer project. It doesn't look too good.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dean Silva

May 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Eddie Fisher

May 15th 26 years

Jimmy Sanford

May 22nd 20 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January – April

2015	\$1,432,704
2014	\$1,420,400

Incentive

The BORMA Pool is amending the current incentive plan for plan participants (enrolled employees, spouses and dependents of member public entities) who notify the pool/claims administrator/employer of the erroneous medical billings that should not have been made to and/or paid by the Pool. This incentive of 50% of the recovered funds/dollars, is revised to 20%, shall continue to not exceed \$500. This incentive would apply only to recovered dollars, not to include portions of medical charges that were not charged to or paid by the Pool, such as discounted and other such similar fees. The 50% provision applies to recoveries with service dates prior to March 5, 2015; the 20% provision applies to recoveries effective as of March 5, 2015 service dates.

Costco

Costco Memberships are available – Gene, Costco Sales Director will stop in and sign you up. Costco is opening a new location in Perrysburg on Thursday, June 11th.

Queen of Sales

I won the "Queen of Sales" for our area!!! Thanks to all of you who purchased Mother's Day gift baskets filled with Mary Kay products!!!!

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Road Maintenance

- CR 41 dirt work is done for now.
- Catch basins on Oakwood and Morrison Rd. have been repaired.
- Berm drag on most of county roads, (looks good).
- Mowing has started, with two of our new John Deere Tractor Mowers.
- Started to remove CR 66 Bridge, built footer cages.
- Tile repairs on CR 198.
- Placed grass seed on several jobs around the county.

Have a good weekend!!