

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

We are getting very close to finalizing our RUMA for the proposed Nexus pipeline. The Townships have collectively hired an attorney from Port Clinton to represent them. I was in his office earlier this week for a conference call with the Nexus attorneys. All have tentatively accepted the latest revisions. We will be meeting again next week to hopefully finalize it. Our County Prosecutor's Office is involved also and everything has met with their approval so far. The bottom line is, if they damage our roads or bridges, they will have to repair them. They will also reimburse us for any costs we incur in issuing permits and inspecting the project.

The new boom mower is very impressive! Who would have ever guessed we would have four wheel drive, 140 horse tractor with a cab to mow road sides? It is a far cry from the Oliver and International tractors that were here back in the 70's. Some things change for the better!!

We have hired two new mechanics. Jim Seibert will be starting on Monday. Jim previously worked at Streacker Tractor Sales here in Fremont, Remington Smith will be starting in January. Once they are onboard, we will have a total of 29 employees—ten in the office and nineteen on the road crew.

It sounds like we will be getting our first major snow storm for the winter over the weekend. Be careful out there and watch out for those mailboxes!

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Open Enrollment

Superior Dental (includes Vision discounts) and Guardian Life

Open Enrollment is now through December 20th. At no cost to you, Superior Dental offers vision discounts through Eye Med. Dental rates will be the same as 2016 with no increase.

Income Comparison

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – October

2016 \$3,616,255

2015 \$3,579,000

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I guess winter has now set in. Temperatures are in the high 20's and now they are predicting for some accumulating snow for Sunday. We will have to wait and see if they're right. The equipment is hooked up and ready to go for whatever we get. Something new we are going to try this year is pretreating. We will be spraying salt brine on some of our bridges, overpasses, and hazard areas. A lot of other agencies have been doing this process, so we thought we would give it a try too. The guys in the shop have converted our water truck to a brine truck with a spray bar. We will just have to experiment to see how it works for us.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Snow fence has been installed for the winter months.
- Mowing was finished up on the west side of the county.
- Crack sealing on CR 13 was finished up.
- Ice signs have all been installed.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Berm dragging on CR 1 and on CR 32.
- Trees were cleaned up around the bridge on Creek Rd.
- We put the brush grinder on the excavator this week and cleaned up a lot of areas on Christy Rd. Now the crew is up on CR 32 along the quarry.
- The brush crew is out. First they cleaned up some trees that fell due to some high winds. Now they are working on plow routes, around bridges & overpasses, and utility poles.
- Eric cleaned a ditch up on CR 41 out by SR 23.
- Mowers and other equipment have been moved back into the yard.