

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The 2016 Sandusky County Fair is now history. Thanks to Jenna and everyone else involved with setting up our display. Thanks, also, to the Fair Board for providing passes for our employees.

The question came up, not too long ago, if we should put up stop signs at Hayes and Brush if the traffic signal malfunctions. According to State Law, a traffic signal that has no working lights is to be treated like a stop sign. So if there are no lights working on either road, it should be treated like a four way stop. If we put up just two stop signs, it would be confusing to anyone who knows and follows the Law. Therefore, the best thing to do is to put up no stop signs at all.

Some of the roads we paved this year have had rumble strips installed in the white edge lines. This is something new for us, so we'll have to see how they work out.

The work our crews are doing to back up these roads with dirt is looking good. This job has been more difficult due to the lack of good, clean dirt. Hopefully, we'll address this problem to avoid a repeat next year. In the meantime, we'll unfortunately have to suffer through with what we've got.

A couple of the functions I have attended lately are the annual SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) meeting and picnic, CEOA (County Engineer's Association of Ohio) Board meeting in Columbus and the Township Trustees sub-committee meetings regarding the upcoming pipeline projects.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Dirt work continues along CR 185 and CR 181. Dirt is being placed and leveled along the roads to back up the stone berms. Also, some of the berms were too high along these roads. These areas have since been shaved down.

We had a side mower and the boom mower mowing the high weeds along the Alley Ditch. The hydro seeder then followed behind, seeding the banks. A crew is now preparing the berms to be seeded.

This week, we are demoing a Kubota mini excavator. We thought we would give it a test by installing an 18" RCP storm sewer along Smith Rd. The job has hit a big snag though. We came across an 8" water main in the way and also, a buried catch basin. We are working with the city today on relocating the water line so we can continue installing our storm sewer.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mowing west continues. Also, the boom mower is now over west working on the deep ditches.
- A tile repair was completed on CR 232.
- Loose stone on CR's 185, 181, Limerick and Finebrock was swept off.
- The fair tent was set up and taken down for another year.
- We installed and programmed a new timer for the school lights on Brush Street



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Employee: Matt Wonderly

Title: Maintenance Worker I

Date Hired: July 18, 2016

Spouse: Jenne

Children: Kollin, 12 years old, Levi, 11 years old and Maci, is 7 years old.

Pets: 2 dogs, Jack and Zeile and 3 cats.

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, wrenching on my truck and diesel trucks.

Pet Peeve: Do it right the first time.