

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Paving for this year is supposed to finally get started tomorrow. M & B will be working on CR 198 and should have a bridge ready for waterproofing first thing Monday morning.

M & B will also be paving CR 175. That should start the following week.

Speaking of CR 175; the approach project southwest of SR 101 is done and should be opened up yet today. The sight distances are greatly improved which should make this a much safer intersection.

Next Thursday, the Sandusky County OPWC sub-committee will be meeting to assign points to projects. We have submitted two projects: one for paving CR 229 and CR 260 and the other for CR 119 and CR 166.

We just received word that flashers and gates are going to be installed on the CR 85 railroad crossing. This is supposed to be completed by June 6th of next year.

The budget process for next year will be getting underway very soon. We are getting away from our own accounting system in favor of New World that the rest of the county uses. Kris is responsible for re-writing the Excel portion of the program that is used to determine the final amount in the various accounts. If you have any suggestions for equipment or any ideas that involve purchasing, please turn them in as soon as possible for consideration. Ideally, these can be incorporated into the budget. This is much easier than trying to add something once the budget is finalized.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Budget

Jim and I are working on the 2018 budget. If you know of something that needs replaced, or repaired...let Chad know. If you are considering Retirement or Health Insurance Policy changes in 2018, please let me know by October 20th.

Community Christmas

As you know, Community Christmas helps to connect organizations and individuals who wish to help others in need during the holiday season with families struggling to put food on their tables and provide gifts for their children.

Last year, our office provided food, clothing, and toys for a family of six. If you are interested in donating for this year, please let me know by October 12th.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The Excavator has been jumping around ever since it left the Port Clinton Rd. project. It has been on CR 198 to clear brush around Green Creek Bridge and then to Buchanan Rd. where silt and sand bars were removed. The Excavator then went back to Port Clinton Rd to dig out stone and help pave the crossover. The machine was then moved to Buckland Ave. to assist Ditch Maintenance with an exploratory dig on a maintenance tile. Yesterday, it was moved to CR 181 at the Green Creek Bridge where we are again removing built up brush and silt.

Ditch Maintenance had Don Hovis on Sugar Creek doing some work, which has generated quite a bit of dirt. We have been in need of dirt in that area for some time. We need to finish up some shoulder work along CR 32 by the quarry. With a couple days of hauling and Tim leveling it with the dozer, the project is near completion, with the exception of seeding. Some of the dirt was also hauled to the yard for stock. I would still like to bring in some more before it gets leveled off.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Kory and Travis finished sandblasting and painting the bridge on TR 28. This was the last one, out of five, to complete for the year.
- Eric cleaned two ditches along CR 41. He is now cleaning the Lewis Ditch for Ditch Maintenance.
- We also worked with Ditch Maintenance by hauling rock for Nine Mile and Sugar Creek, plus hauling spoils off the Gries Ditch, when time allowed.
- Tony and Austin continue to paint the outside walls of Building #9.
- Mowing continues on the west side of the county. The guys will be heading back over to the east side next week.
- The Boom Mower is back from Streakers and out on the road.
- Ed is working on CR 1.
- CR 198 was mowed this week as M&B has moved in to start paving the road.
- Areas around town were mowed.
- Some brush removal is going on at intersections for visibility.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Tim Below September 25th