

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

This is the first Road Report since the annual Ohio State-Michigan game. For the record, OSU won (again) and scored over 60 points. The other school scored a lot less. The Mich fans were pretty vocal before the game, but they seem to have gone into hibernation now.

Yesterday the bids for paving CR's 229 and 239 were opened. M & B was low at \$971,839. They beat out three other contractors. Their bid was about \$50,000 less than budgeted, so that gets 2019 off to a good start. The next bid, and most likely only other bid for 2019, will be next month for Tiffin and Port Clinton Roads.

Looking back on the calendar, it was about two years ago that a meeting was held where it was revealed Ditch Maintenance was out of money. That led to us taking it over. I believe that has worked out well. One problem we encountered was on the Lewis Ditch. Lee and I met with a property owner, who had constructed an unauthorized dam, earlier this week. I think that situation is now under control.

In case you are wondering about my retirement, it seems Mr. Baez has yet to obtain his Surveyor's License. I think he will (eventually) make a great County Engineer and I also think it is best for the Department if he takes over rather than an outsider, so I intend to hang around until he gets his license. He is scheduled to take the exam in January and should know the results rather quickly. If he is successful, and I am sure he will be, my last day will be January 31st. In the meantime, the party is still on next Friday!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Tim Below *December 6th* *19 yrs*
Carlos Baez *December 6th* *8 yrs*
Jim Seibert *December 12th* *2 yrs*

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Tiffin Road Ditch Cleaning

Eric and Matt finished cleaning a section of the ditch along Tiffin RD, north and south of CR 181. One property owner wanted to enclose a section of their property so Eric's crew is now working on installing approximately 130 ft. of 12" pipe.

Excavator Crew

Mark, Jimmy, and Steve spent a couple of days cleaning up the dirt pile left behind, when we cleaned out the silt in and around the box culvert on TR 278. The spoils were hauled to cover up the pipe installed along Limerick RD., and are also being used to build up the shoulder. Once that was cleaned up we brought the excavator into the yard for a good cleaning and some minor repairs. We are now hauling dirt from our yard to Limerick.

Snow and Ice Control

We have had a few minor snow and ice events; nothing major as of yet. We have had to mostly just do some salt rounds, and clean the trucks after each event. Snow fence has also been installed around the county.

Road Maintenance

- A guardrail was repaired on the TR 183 Bridge, and on the TR 223 Bridge.
- Sandbags were prepared for winter.
- Brush Crews have been out very little this year. Things will pick up next week.
- The walls in Building #9 were scrubbed and cleaned.

