

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Since starting on April 9th, remarkable progress has been made on the NEXUS Pipeline and we are learning more about the process. They basically started stripping topsoil from their right-of-way at the east end of the County and proceeded west. Just about all of it has been stripped by now. They also started boring under all the roads. The next step was to deliver the pipe and weld it together. The pipe is hauled in three sections at a time. Each section is 80' long and 36" in diameter. The trailers have steerable rear axles. The joints are welded with automatic welders, x-rayed and then coated. We saw seven of these in action yesterday, west of TR 234. The joints connecting to the road bores are manually welded. I would estimate this is completed as far west as the Sandusky River.

The bore under the Portage River is also in progress. The equipment is amazing - D8 Cat Dozers and large Deere and Cat Excavators. Word is that they will use a large trencher to excavate for the mainline pipe. I have heard there are over a thousand people working on the pipeline in Sandusky County.

Although everything has not gone completely smooth, they have been good about responding to our concerns. We've had to get on them about cleaning roads and they have used roads they were not authorized to use. Also, they have encountered a problem with boring CR 239 near Green Creek. They were supposed to be 14' deep, but somehow got 20' deep and couldn't go any further. They would like to open cut the road, but we have not agreed to that yet.

York Township was the first to open road bids this year on April 24th. Riley Township will be next on May 23rd. Jackson Township is in the process of enacting a Permissive License Tax, while Lucas, Ottawa and Wood Counties are doing the same.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

<i>Eric Wheatley</i>	<i>April 29th</i>	<i>16 years</i>
<i>Perry Hill</i>	<i>April 29th</i>	<i>16 years</i>
<i>Eddie Fisher</i>	<i>May 15th</i>	<i>29 years</i>
<i>Jimmy Sanford</i>	<i>May 22nd</i>	<i>23 years</i>

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The weather has finally switched to spring and summer like conditions after what I thought was a long, drawn out winter. It's good to see the trees and grass greening back up.

The past couple of weeks we have been working on getting all of our culverts replaced on Napoleon Rd., CR 30, CR 119, and Fangboner Rd. These areas will need to be spot paved soon, since Kokosing has told us they will be in to start on Napoleon Rd. next week.

A sink hole was discovered, next to the road, on North CR 117 late last week. A broken 15" clay tile was found upon some investigative digging. The whole culvert has now been replaced with a 24" RCP structure, and cleanup is underway.

Other work that has been keeping us busy has been finishing up the dirt work along CR 175 and seeding it, the East State Street Catch Basin repairs, and now mowing has begun.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – April
2018 \$1,412,990
2017 \$1,464,310

HEALTH INSURANCE

We received our renewal rate which will be effective July 1st. New rates for payroll deduction are posted in the ready room and at the time clock. Our current health insurance benefits will remain the same. Payroll deduction increase will be on your July 6th paycheck.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

<i>Adam Kozak</i>	<i>May 5th</i>
<i>Dean Silva</i>	<i>May 22nd</i>