

ROAD REPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Sandusky County Engineer
Carlos A. Baez Sr., P.E., P.S.

No. 3

May 11, 2020

FROM THE ENGINEER

To say that the last few weeks have been a challenge would be an understatement. The last time we had a Road Report was about three weeks before our State essentially shut down due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our office has remained opened and in service but closed to the public (visitors by appointment only) since March 19th. We will remain closed to the public until at least June 1st. Our hope is that we will start to get back to normal slowly in the next few weeks. We will have all of our staff back starting Monday, May 18th.

In the middle of all this organized chaos, we have been busy with contracts and projects. Since our last Road Report, we have prepared and opened six paving contracts for various townships and the fairgrounds. They are: Jackson Twp. TR 29 (M&B Asphalt); The OPWC Contract with various townships Ballville, Green Creek, Sandusky, Townsend, and York. (Erie Blacktop); Ballville Twp. Various Roads (Henry W. Bergman); Rice Twp. TR 99, TR 146 (M&B Asphalt); Fairgrounds (Holcomb Enterprises); Madison Twp. and Woodville Twp. TR 165, TR 26, TR 67 (Gerken Paving). We are also putting together a contract for Riley Twp. to bid TR 222, TR 239, and TR 241.

We are obviously going to see a reduction on our gas tax budget. We don't know how much of a reduction at this point, but we are preparing for a 20% to 30% reduction.

The Various County Roads contract (Hayes, Buckland, Third, Siler, & Cleveland) might be impacted by this reduction. This project also has OPWC funding that, at this point, has been delayed to a later date. We may not be able to complete this project this year. We will also hold off on the purchasing of a sign truck and the Jackson Twp. 80 bridge project. We were pretty conservative on this year's budget and we did not account for all of the extra gas tax money and permissive license fees we were supposed to receive this year. Therefore, I believe we will be fine this year, budget wise. We are keeping a close eye on the budget to make the necessary adjustments, as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

Congratulations are in order to Elizabeth and Jim Ball as they welcomed their baby boy last week.

James Edwin Ball III

6 lbs. 13oz., 20" long

Born Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:35 pm



Congratulations Jim & Elizabeth!!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well it has been awhile since our last Road Report and a lot has been going on here at work, and in the world. Schools, restaurants, barbers, etc. were all told to close the doors to stop the spread of this virus. I never thought in my wildest dreams I would ever see something of this magnitude. Yeah, you see things in the news about wildfires and sever weather that does damage to different cities or states, but this pretty much affected the world. Now the Governor is starting to open things back up. I just hope people can be responsible and courteous to everyone around them. I still think it is going to be a long time before we get back to the “normal” we knew two to three months ago.

As for work, even though we have been working with a work force of 50% for the past couple weeks, it still continues. Mark is on CR 89 cleaning a ditch and repairing slips as he comes across them. All the ditches that were cleaned over the winter have been hydroseeded. Tim leveled spoils for Ditch Maintenance on Bark Creek and Othel Dean ditches. On rainy days, he worked in the office changing the lights over to LED’s.

We have been working on some miscellaneous tile and water issues. One of the issues is on Limerick Rd.; basically across the street from the Clyde Middle School. Working with the property owner and the school we were able to locate a tile on both sides of the road. We will be connecting the found tile to a newer outlet tile approximately 100’ to the east. This will give a better outlet to the properties on the south side and take care of the large area of water ponding. Also, we had Darr’s Cleaning jet

some tiles on CR 198 up to CR 265, and also on CR 181 by SR 19.

Misc Road Work

- ✓ Snow fence has been removed.
- ✓ Completed painting survey “X’s”.
- ✓ Pot holes have been filled.
- ✓ Road mowing has been started.
- ✓ Trucks have been stripped of plows and salters.
- ✓ West side of county has been berm dragged.
- ✓ Log jam removed from the bridge on TR 97.
- ✓ Maintained mowing around town and our yard.
- ✓ Removed and poured the front office steps.
- ✓ Curb and gutter poured on Christy Rd.
- ✓ Ground tree stumps on Third Ave., and CR 294. Cleaned up grindings. Added dirt and seed.
- ✓ Swept off #9 stones from Ballville Bridge.
- ✓ Removed “Ice on Bridge” signs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Steve Pfeiffer March 19th

Chad Fisher April 11th

Carlos Baez April 15th

Kory Keegan April 16th

Dean Silva May 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Eric Wheatley April 29th 18yrs

Perry Hill April 29th 18yrs

Jimmy Sanford May 22nd 25yrs