

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

September was another very busy month around here. For me, the highlight of the month was the paving of our Various County Roads contract. Kokosing Construction finished paving all the roads (Hayes, Third, Buckland, Siler, and Cleveland) this past Thursday. Overall we were very satisfied with Kokosing this time around, it looks like they had two very good crews paving our roads. Zimmerman paint completed painting the roads on Saturday, now they just need to install the RPM's. We now have an agreement with the City of Fremont, hopefully there will be no cuts on these roads for waterlines at least for the next 5 years.

We received some good news this past month regarding grant funding. We have been awarded \$1.4M for the paving of CR 201, and CR 113. The money comes from the federal government through CEAO and ODOT. The project will be constructed in FY 2026. We also received \$300,000 to pave our portion of West State Street. ODOT will be adding our portion of West State Street (From Bypass to Christy Road) to their on-ramp project on the west end of the bypass. This project is scheduled to take place in FY 2022.

This past month we also had the bid opening of the Michaels Ditch petition project. The low bid was Jim Phillips Excavating out of Oak Harbor, OH at \$55,144.16. We were unable to go with the low bidder due to his bid being incomplete. Therefore, the second bidder Great Lakes Demolition will be awarded the contract if the project gets accepted at the Final Hearing coming up later this month. Their bid was \$83,968.20. Our Engineer's Estimate was \$110,000.00. A total of 6 companies bid on this project, and other than the low bidder all the other bids were very competitive. We have also sent final estimates and plans for Ottawa County's review of the Wolf Creek ditch petition project. Wolf Creek will be the next project on our list. After Wolf, we still have Sugar Creek, Kiser, and Winters.

OPWC Round 35 applications were due at the beginning of September, for our sub-committee. A total of eleven applications were submitted from five different entities around Sandusky County. Applications were submitted by: The City of Clyde, The City of Fremont, The Village of Gibsonburg, six Townships (Woodville Twp. Lead), and The County Engineer's Office. This year there were some changes to the applications, therefore it was hard to figure out where the points cutoff to get projects funded, at the district level, would be. We believe as a committee that at least 5 projects will be funded based on priority points given. Our project would be the paving of CR 268, and CR 290.

This past week Elizabeth, Rich and I attended a Zoom meeting regarding a new bike path around Terra State Community College. The Sandusky Parks Department and Terra received federal funding to construct a new bike path from Napoleon Road (starting on Brush St.) through Terra and ending on Muskellunge Creek Road. We are working on an agreement with the Parks Department for the R/W on Napoleon Road. The idea of the bike path is to provide an off road option to the current bike path on Brush Street, connecting the N. Coast Inland Trail with the existing City of Fremont's bike path that eventually goes to Bellevue.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

WOW! Here it is October already, where in the world did summer go?! Even though we haven't had the big projects this year we stayed busy with a lot of maintenance work.

Multiple areas of asphalt on Brush Street were dug out and repaired with base asphalt. CR 117 is being cracksealed and also the south end on CR 198, south of CR 181. Last week we also demoed a new cracksealer and material from Sealmaster. It was a pretty nice unit!

Mark used the excavator to repair a slip along TR 270, for Ditch Maintenance. He then moved over to TR 223 where he removed brush from around a culvert. He also cleaned and straightened up the ditch and added a few loads of rock along the banks. It was definitely a big improvement.

All of the road mowers are out now. The four mowing tractors have finished on the west side and have moved to the east side now. The Boom Mower is also back from getting some repairs and on the west side working on bigger ditches.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Jeff Chambers  | October 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 yrs |
| Brian King     | October 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 yrs |
| Jeremy Miracle | October 15 <sup>th</sup> | 1 yr  |

### *Miscellaneous Road Work*

- Areas around town have been mowed.
- Jimmy helped Green Creek Township with some tree trimming.
- Tony & Brian worked on cutting brush on the Kiser Ditch for survey work.
- A few driveways on Third Ave and Cleveland were dug out for paving.
- Dirt was hauled from Bark Creek to our yard for stock.
- Tim started leveling spoils on the C. Russell Ditch.
- Jimmy hauled dirt from the C. Russell Ditch to the yard.
- Guardrail was repaired on the Finefrock bridge west of SR 19, due to an accident.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Mark Auxter    | October 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Jeff Chambers  | October 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jeremy Miracle | October 26 <sup>th</sup> |

# FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER

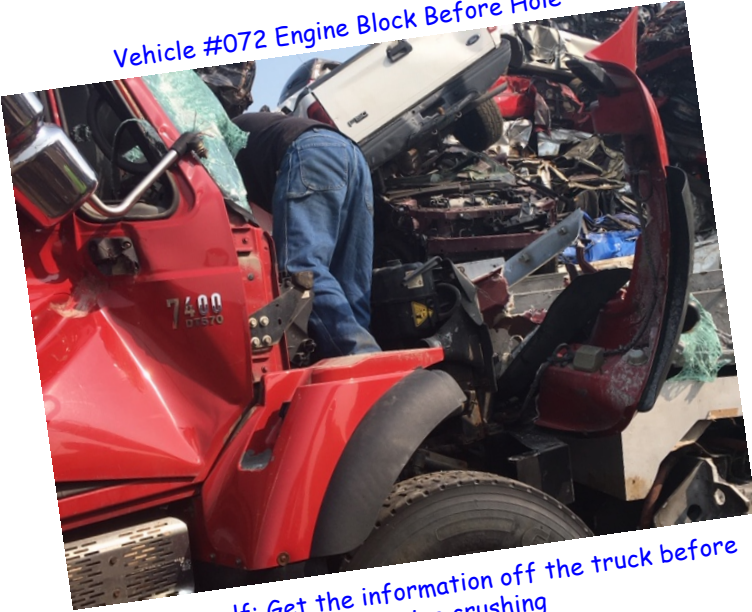
For the VW Diesel Grant, we had to destroy trucks 071 and 072 at the scrap yard.  
This grant will partially pay for two new Snow Plow Dump Trucks,  
when the Progress Reports are approved.

The same grant will also be used, next year, towards a new Sign Truck.

Vehicle #071 Chassis



Vehicle #072 Engine Block Before Hole



Note to self: Get the information off the truck before commencing crushing

Vehicle #072 Engine Block After Hole



## **~ Current Garage Projects ~**

Jim and Remington are starting to get the fleet ready for winter, by replacing lights and reinforcing the snow plows.

## ***WHO AM I?***

Last month's participants were Chad (Employee #1) & Carlos (Employee #2)...

*Thanks for playing along guys!*

Can you guess which two employees answered this month's questions?