

ROAD REPORT

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FROM ENGINEER

First I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in keeping the roads open and in good shape during the recent snow storms. With the wind we've had, I don't know how anyone can accurately measure snow fall, but in my mind we've got somewhere in the neighborhood of 15" of snow. THANKS for job well done!!!!!! We're really operating on a skeleton crew, so it was great no one missed work. Keep up the good work!!

I am preparing for the meeting with Turnpike on February 22nd. It'll be interesting to see who shows up at this meeting. So far our State Senator Karen Gillmor and State Senator Thomas Patton are attending on our behalf. Senator Gillmor continues to fight hard on our behalf. Senator Patton is chair of the Senate Finance Committee and is also a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. The Senate's legal counsel may also attend. Fred Pausch, the new Executive Director of the County Engineer's Association also plans on attending. From Sandusky County it will be Commissioner Dan Polter, Kim Foreman and I.

In other news, the two new tandems are in and we will be taking bids for the boxes, snowplows, salters, hydraulics, etc. hopefully sometime in March. We are also investigating taking bids on upgrading the air conditioning and air handling systems in the office. We will probably bid paving CR's 57 and 232 at the same time.

As of yesterday, the crane in the new shop is now functional and 99.9% of the electrical work is complete. The plumbers are supposed to be back next week to complete their punch list. Moving into the shop has been slowed by snow, but some progress has been made. The new work benches look great and should last a hundred years or so!

On the downside, our income for January was down 2.4% from last January. Here are the numbers compared to last year.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
License tax	\$132,226	\$124,530
Permissive tax	13,455	13,790
Gas tax	<u>193,482</u>	<u>192,547</u>
Totals	\$339,163	\$330,867

Have a nice long weekend and, unless you're tired of living, you better remember Valentine's Day!

CLOSED

This office will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cody Amor	February 22 nd
Dave Beeker	February 24 th
Perry Hill	February 8 th
Jenna Timmons	February 4 th
Eric Wheatley	January 30 th

VALENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget your sweetie on Sunday, February 14th!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well this second half of the winter has been harder on us than the first half was. The good part of that is it's the "SECOND HALF". No one is for sure how much snow we actually got over the last week but winter can stop anytime! It doesn't sound good for over this much needed 3 day weekend. The wind is what is really going to hurt us if it picks up like the weather men say. Not that they have ever been wrong, let's hope the magic wand swoops in and grants it to be still.

The new building is coming along slowly due to the weather but we are getting there. The crane is now able to be used, and the shelving is about finished in the parts room and the little tool room. Benches are being fabricated to accommodate the shop needs and everything is taking its place as we work and learn what should go where.

In building #2 the basement is finished being painted and the upstairs is in the process of being painted. So far it looks really good. The guys also built platforms for the filing cabinets to sit on in the basement.

As for on the road....

The brush crew finished up on their long project of Christy Road and started on the town route. #9 stone was hauled in to replenish the supply. Ed was sent out on pothole patrol. Some guardrail was replaced. Mark worked on cleaning a ditch on 41 and Perry worked on fixing various mailboxes around the county.