

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

We have been notified by the County Engineer Association of Ohio (CEAO) that the county received nearly \$80,000 in grants on safety studies for next year. We will be having a consultant update our “No Passing Zones” and “Pavement Markings” inventory. The last time this was done was almost 12 years ago. With the new technology and software, we should be able to have these inventories in a digital format so we can better use them. With these studies, we are also hoping to have all of our county roads Right-of-way on a 360° video, which will be a very useful tool for everything we do in this office. Included in this grant is the study of two intersections in the county; Hayes Ave. & Third Ave., and CR 58 & CR 1.

We are in the process of getting our OPWC applications ready for our subcommittee meeting, scheduled for September 20th. This round we are applying for paving on the Town Route and CR 177. Hopefully we can get at least one of these projects funded. We did not receive any OPWC money the last round. We have also measured, and counted traffic on several Township roads, as Ballville Township (Lead) will also be applying for paving on behalf of 5 Townships on the east half of the county. We recently purchased new traffic counters, as our old traffic counters were on their last leg and their software had become obsolete. The new counters don't require any rubber tubes across the roads. They collect traffic via radar technology and they attach to a power pole. Rich and Rick just got them working here the last couple of weeks.

I met, this past week, with representatives from Martin Marietta, in Woodville. They are in the process of repairing their last two railroad crossings that did not get completed last year during our paving project. They plan to replace the rails and redo the pavement to match what we did last year, on their north crossings. By repairing these two crossings, it will leave three crossings in bad shape. Those three crossings left are owned by CSX to the south of Martin Marietta. I'm still trying, through PUCO, Martin Marietta, and the Rail Development Commission, to get these three awful crossings replaced ASAP. Martin Marietta also purchased a solar power LED crosswalk sign that we will be installing for them.

We just received our two new Western Star plow trucks. We will be ordering two more for next year.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Wow! Here we are, Labor Day weekend, the end of summer already. Hope everyone has a safe weekend! Reminder – we are back to normal hours Tuesday (7:30 to 4:00 pm).

A crew spent about a week here in the yard digging out asphalt grindings, milling, and grading some of the parking area. This was the area around Building's #7 (old sign shop) and Building #9 (truck barn). Helms and Sons came in on the 19th and paved the area.

The four outside rockers on the Miles Newton Bridge were sandblasted and painted. If this process holds up we will probably be doing the rest of the rockers under the bridge as well. Also, some minor concrete work was done on each corner of the bridge.

Mowing has not seemed to have slowed down much this year. Crews are on the third round on the west side of the county. The boom mower is also still being used, on the east side now.

The fair has come and gone again for another year. The booth was also set up and taken down.

Miscellaneous Road Work

- ✓ A couple of trees were cleaned up from storm damage.
- ✓ Mowing was done around the yard and spots around town.
- ✓ A ditch on CR 268, south of the turnpike, is being cleaned.
- ✓ Green signs in Green Creek are now complete. Ballville is the last township to be worked on.
- ✓ A guardrail was repaired at the Cherry ST. Bridge, in Woodville.
- ✓ Berm and shoulder work was completed at the intersection of CR 198 & CR 113.
- ✓ Spoils were leveled on the Fetterman Ditch.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!!

Matt Wonderly August 28th