

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

We kicked off our 2022 construction season this past month with 3 different concrete projects. We hired Smith Paving out of Norwalk for our annual spring concrete projects. This year, we had Smith Paving remove and replace several curb inlet catch basins on E. State Street that had heaved over the last 2 winters. The contractor removed all of the deteriorated asphalt and concrete around 9 basins and poured new concrete aprons around them. We also had Smith Paving install a new curb and gutter on River St. between Mechanic St. and Factory St. in Ballville Township. We had been losing the berm and the edge of pavement on this busy section of road and the new concrete curb looks great. Finally, we had Smith Paving replace all of the drains in Building #9. We had been thinking about this project for a few years and hadn't been able to come up with a good solution. With the help of Aaron Smith from Smith paving, we redesigned the drains and installed new catch basins and conduit in between the basins. The contractor removed some of the old floor and replace it with new concrete. Each catch basin now has a sump that should help keep the outlet clean of debris.

Chad and I met with Toledo Edison out at the TR 237 bridge site. Their facilities will be in conflict with our crane during the installation of the new box culvert. As a result, Toledo Edison will be moving their facilities north temporarily. This will ensure that their overhead power lines will not be in conflict with our crane. We have placed the order on the box culvert from Mack Industries and we expect the box to be ready for delivery sometime after July.

We had our last paving bid opening of the season on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We went together with all of the townships on the west side of the county as well as the Village of Gibsonburg. The county will be paving CR 90 from Napoleon Road to CR 65. As part of this project, we will also be waterproofing the bridge on TR 55 over Mud Creek. Townships participating on this contract are: Woodville, Madison, Washington, Jackson, Rice, and Sandusky. Scott Township will also be paving their Township House parking lot. The low bidder for this contract was M&B Asphalt.

We are in the process of putting together our 2022 Pavement Markings contract. We spoke with AeroMark, who has been the low bidder the last few years. They tell us the price of paint is up about 20-25% compared to last year. Therefore, we are going to have to cut back on the amount of miles that we can paint every year. We sent a letter to each of the townships asking them to let us know if they would like to participate in this contract. Please let us know by the end of May.

Our condolences go out to the family of Brock Kimmet, who died on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Brock worked for the county for many years as a sheriff deputy, probation, and bailiff for the Common Pleas court. Brock was who invited me to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Brock will be deeply missed.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

### ~ *Miscellaneous Road Work* ~

- Cleaned up wood pile on Michaels Ditch.
- Section of River St. was cracksealed while it was closed for the curb and gutter project.
- The chimney on Building #2 got tuck pointed.
- Buildings #3 and #6 got some spring cleaning done on rainy days.
- Matt was out with the boom mower to get a few spots that did not get mowed last year.
- Matt and Jeff started the first round of roadside mowing with the side mowers.
- Started mowing around town.
- Mark, Kory, and Rick E. are working on cleaning a ditch along CR 65 between TR 106 and SR 590.
- Kory, Jimmy, and Travis have been out hydroseeding numerous projects and ditch banks.
- Tim has been leveling spoils when the weather has been good. (Loy Ditch, Allwardt Ditch, CR 1 ditch, and CR 13 ditch)
- Eric, Jeremy, and Paul have been working on the west side of the county cleaning out catch basins.
- Perry and Tony have been staying busy with sign repairs from the night inspection.
- Pot holes filled, as needed.

## FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER

We currently have our old army-style cots up on GovDeals, with several bids on them already. Our old lights were picked up by a railroad company in Virginia. Soon, we will be posting our old salt spreaders, in lots, on GovDeals.

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Hello all! Hope April treated you well! Cori and I have stayed busy with our normal day-to-day tasks. In addition, Cori generated a contract for the Seal Coating of TR 205 in York Township, and I was able to attend a required Sunshine Law training. We have also started the final review of our new website. I am looking forward to it being launched soon!

### **Health Insurance:**

May's promotional theme is Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness. Stigma is how people can be viewed negatively due to their culture, circumstances or illnesses. Most people have a loved one, family member, or friend with a mental illness. Please feel free to visit [www.achievesolutions.net/jhp](http://www.achievesolutions.net/jhp) to learn more.

### **Income Comparison:**

(Jan - Mar)

2022 - \$1,504,867

2021 - \$1,396,031

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Dean Silva

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!**

Jimmy Sanford

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

27 years



*New curb and gutter on River St.*

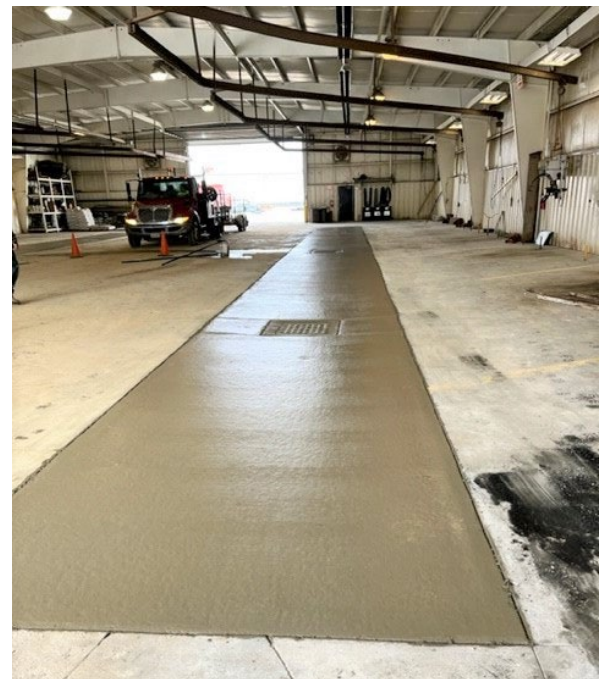
**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

*Jim Seibert*

1. Do you go by your full name or a nickname?  
What nickname do you go by?  
*I go by Jim*
2. Introduce your Family!  
*Married to my wife, Jackie, for almost 14 years. We have 2 boys, Caleb who is 12 and Noah who is 8.*
3. What is your favorite holiday?  
*Memorial Day*
4. Who is your favorite music artist or band?  
*Don't really have a favorite, I like a variety, but mostly country music.*
5. What is your favorite movie or TV show?  
*Chicago Fire*
6. What is your favorite "signature dish" to cook or bake?  
*My family says I'm really good at grilling anything.*
7. If you could live in any other state, which one would you live in?  
*I like living in Ohio, so I really can't answer that.*



*Catch Basin Clean Out MVP:  
Paul Williams*



*New floor drains in Building #9*