

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

We finally received our new sign truck after waiting one and a half years for it to be built. The new sign truck will be a new Freightliner, similar in size to our existing International sign truck. It is currently being outfitted with our existing crane and boxes at Palfinger in Tiffin, Ohio. If you recall, this truck was ordered as part of a grant that we received from the Ohio EPA to replace old diesel trucks. As part of this grant, we also ordered our two tandem dump trucks that we received last year. In total, we received an approximately \$75,000.00 grant, which essentially paid for the new Freightliner sign truck. We hope to receive the new truck from Palfinger in the next couple of weeks. Once we receive it, our mechanics can finish preparing the new sign truck to be out on the road this winter.

Rick and I completed our bridge inspections for the year. This year, we also hired two consultants to inspect our six river bridges. We like to do that every so often to get a second opinion on these large bridges. This year, the Dobe Bridge and the Cherry Street Bridge in Woodville were dropped to a General Appraisal Rating of 3. That means we need to start thinking about replacing these bridges fairly soon. Both of these bridges have prestress box beams as their deck or superstructure. According to the ODOT Bridge Inspection Manual, once you have more than 25% of the prestress strands exposed, the bridge automatically gets rated 4 or below. These two bridges have at least one beam each with more than 40% of the strands exposed. Therefore, the ratings were brought down to a 3. We will be applying for OPWC monies next year to replace the beams on the Dobe Bridge. We will also look at funding from CEAO's Local Bridge Program (LBR) to replace the Cherry Street Bridge in the coming years. The beams on the Christy Road Bridge (CR 57) were downgraded to a 4 last year, which is the reason we received funding to replace those beams in 2023.

This past month, I met with all of the District 2 County Engineers to go over our federal funding that gets funneled through CEAO and ODOT. These meetings are held in Bowling Green at ODOT's District 2 office. We have three federal funding projects in the pipeline. Those three projects are: SAN CR 57-2.22 Superstructure Replacement on the Christy Road Bridge (2023), Resurfacing of CR 1 from US 23 to SR 12 (2025), and Resurfacing of CR 201 and CR 113 (2026). I have also recently submitted an application to pave CR 32 from US 6 to US 20. If we are successful, we would be able to resurface CR 32 in 2028.

I would like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!!



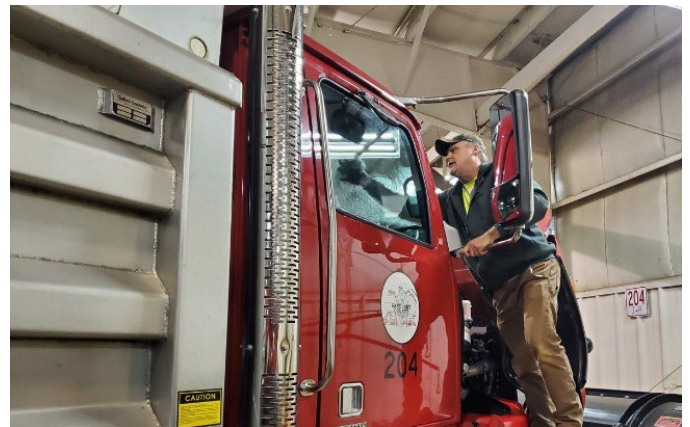
FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mowing around the county has finished up recently. The weather was really good this fall for us to get a lot more back banks at the end of the season. Recently, we sent a crew to Rice Township to help them with their mowing due to them losing their maintenance worker. The boom mower is back from Streacker's and is running well. However, we are waiting on a pin that broke on the boom. That should be back up and working soon.

The excavators are staying busy. We had a culvert repair on CR 82. The big excavator is on CR 259 cleaning a section of ditch. The mini excavator cleaned a section of ditch along CR 85 east of TR 42. Now the mini excavator is on CR 65 cleaning a section of ditch west of SR 590. We have quite a few more ditches to clean out on the list we are working on.

~ *Miscellaneous Road Work* ~

- Leveled dirt spoils on CR 85, CR 107, Aldrich, Allwart, Loy, Scherz, and Sugar Creek Ditches.
- Cleaned up grindings pile at Fairgrounds.
- Finished cracksealing on Limerick Road and started on CR 185.
- Repaired guardrail on Port Clinton Road.
- Installed most of the snow fence, with a few places still needing it.
- Made up sandbags for stock and trucks.
- Went over trucks to make sure they were ready for winter.
- Picked up the new Sign Truck which is currently at Palfinger in Tiffin to have the bed and crane mounted.
- Brush crew trimming back on and off.
- Pot holes filled, as needed.
- Spot berming, as needed.



FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends! Before we know it, it will be 2023!!

During the month of November, Cori and I were keeping the finances in order to meet certain deadlines set by the Finance Office. Thank you to everyone who worked with us to make sure we were all on the same page when it came to purchases made, or purchases that still needed to be made. So far, everything is going smoothly and we are able to start preparing for the opening of next year.

Health Insurance:

Visit the Achieve Solutions website to learn how to keep your holidays healthy, cope with financial stress and make time for exercise! www.achievesolutions.net/jhp

Income Comparison:

(Jan - Oct)

2022 - \$5,127,689

2021 - \$5,181,722

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Tim Below	December 6 th	23 years
Carlos Baez	December 6 th	12 years
Jim Seibert	December 12 th	6 years



December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Cookie Cutter Day	2 <i>Downtown Fremont Open House Shop Small for Christmas!</i>	3 <i>Holiday Parade in Downtown Fremont @ 6:00 pm</i>
4 <i>Fremont Flea Market 9:00 am - 4:00 pm</i>	5 International Ninja Day	6 Happy Anniversary, Carlos & Tim!	7 National Cotton Candy Day	8 <i>Drive-Thru Winter Wonderland @ Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds 6-8 pm</i>	9 Christmas Card Day	10 Human Rights Day
11 International Mountain Day	12 Happy Anniversary, Jim!	13 National Cocoa Day	14 Roast Chestnuts Day	15 National Cupcake Day	16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day	17 <i>Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run in Gibsonburg @ 9:00 am</i>
18 Answer the Telephone like Buddy the Elf Day	19 National Hard Candy Day	20 Games Day	21 	22 <i>Drive-Thru Winter Wonderland ENDS</i>	23 National Christmas Movie Marathon Day	24 
25 	26 HOLIDAY <i>Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides in Spiegel Grove 1-4 pm</i>	27 Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day	28 Card Playing Day	29 International Cello Day	30 National Resolution Planning Day	31 <i>Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides END</i>
 January 1	January 2 HOLIDAY					