

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

First and foremost, our sympathy goes out to the family of Dave Zorn. Dave (aka Sprocky) worked here from 1971 to 2000, and drove snowplow 793. Dave had a unique sense of humor. One day on a job he commented "That's something you don't see very often." It was a Ford truck being towed by a wrecker! He said, "At least the wrecker was a Ford." RIP Dave!

We had a visit from two Federal Highway Bridge Inspectors on September 19th. Their job was to audit the way we inspect bridges to make sure we do it correctly and our bridges are rated properly. I am pleased to report Rick and Carlos are doing a great job—they passed with flying colors!

We also had a visit from Dean Ringle the same day. Dean is the Executive Director of the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO). Prior to starting that job earlier this year, he had been the Franklin County (Columbus) Engineer for 17 years. This is only the second time the Executive Director has visited Sandusky County. The first was a few years ago when we were involved with the Turnpike overpasses. As far as I know, Dean is the first former county engineer to fill this position. I am sure he will do a great job.

The County Ohio Public Works Commission Sub-committee met on September 21st to award County Priority points. We received points on our application for paving CR's 229 and 260. We should know by the end of the year if we actually receive a grant.

ODOT held any open house for their new maintenance garage on September 28th. It sure is big! I was surprised to learn they're not sure how they are going to park their snowplows yet and that their pickup trucks will sit outside. We have entered into an agreement to buy brine solution from them.

Work has been completed on the Lewis Ditch. What a mess! We replaced pipe placed by a property owner that was too small and above grade with right size pipe at the correct grade. The open ditch portion was also cleaned. The water is flowing again! Thanks to Eric, Tim and the entire crew for tackling a tough job! I hope we never go through that process again.

We have been very busy with construction. At one point there were two milling crews on CR 175 and a paving crew on both CR 198 and CR

175, all at the same time. All milling is now complete, CR 198 is finished and the base course is complete on CR 175. The finish course on CR 175 is starting today and should be completed in the next week or so. Also, construction on the Schwochow Ditch started this past Tuesday.

We have had discussions with Toledo Edison about a huge metal pole they want to install on the east side of CR 312 south of CR 175. They could not have chosen a worse spot—it will absolutely block the view to the east at an already dangerous intersection. We are doing all we can do to stop them (even though it is in Erie County). We have had assistance from the Prosecutor's office and it appears TE is agreeable to doing something.

A meeting is scheduled for October 23rd to consider putting up flashers and gates on the Sand Road railroad crossing in Sandusky Township.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The Lewis Ditch cleaning project is now complete. The final stage of the project ran along CR 177. A 60' stretch of 12" driveway tile had to be lowered to grade. Ed was able to mow down some of the brush and cattails which made it easier for Eric to see what he was doing. There will still be a little work for the dozer, leveling spoils, once the crops come off.

The silt removal project on CR 181 at the Green Creek Bridge is also complete. This project generated quite a bit of very nice dirt that we were able to bring to the yard for stock and use to dress up future projects. We also added a tile on the southeast corner of the bridge to fill in a ditch and to make a better shoulder and ramp to get down to the creek. The mowers will now be able to get down in the area to keep it mowed.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mowing continues over east. Crops are now starting to come off so crews should be able to get more of the back banks.
- Ed has started back on the west side with the Boom Mower. Once he gets caught up on our end he will be helping the townships on areas they cannot reach.
- Dirt spoils were leveled on Sugar Creek and dirt spoils were hauled off Nine Mile Creek for Ditch Maintenance.
- A yard drain was installed on CR 41 last week. Another will be installed next

week at a different address. Also, the guys replaced 160' of broken down clay and corrugated pipe with new 15" double wall plastic pipe along CR 41.

- We had our annual vehicle inspection last week. Everything passed.
- Tim spent a couple of days with the dozer at the Facility Management Building. He was digging out for a parking lot area and then leveling off grindings. The grindings were hauled in by a contractor that is milling and paving the Country Side Nursing Home parking lot.
- Old drip edge was removed and new was installed on three bridges on TR 183. These bridges will be waterproofed next week.
- A few driveways were dug out on CR 175 to match the paving.
- Due to the weather, the guys spent a couple of days here in the yard cleaning buildings, washing & detailing vehicles, and buffing floors.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

PAYCHECKS

Payroll was turned in on Friday; Overtime that was worked Friday evening and Saturday will be on your next paycheck.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ENROLLMENT

Enroll now for 2018 and pay less into Federal, State, City, School, and Medicare Tax.

What is FSA? It is a saving account for the following expenses: Medical, Dental, Vision, Medication -prescriptions AND/OR Dependent Care -day care, babysitter... If you are interested in enrolling and would like more information, please let me know.

UNITED WAY

United Way Pledge Cards are now available and payroll deduction or a one-time donation can be made. Why invest in United Way? Your donation (large or small), touches the lives of Sandusky County residents. Invest in your community, invest in yourself... you will never know when you or your family will need the help of a United Way Funded Agency or Program. As a donor, you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays here in Sandusky County. Please return the donation form by December 8th.

THANKSGIVING

If you are planning on taking the day after Thanksgiving off, please submit a vacation request by November 8th.



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