

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

The major projects for the year are now completed. M & B finished paving on **Wednesday**—thank goodness! They had considerable trouble **this year** with debris in the mix, plant breakdowns, truck shortages and paver breakdowns. It all shows in the results—whenever the paver had to stop to wait on trucks, there's bump in the road.

When debris was removed, the area had to be hand raked. This eliminated the nice uniform appearance we are used to seeing.

Conditions improved by the time they got to Muskellunge Creek and Christy Roads.

The Turnpike is proceeding with repairing the TR 226 overpass. This was announced by their CEO at the Commission's meeting on Monday. He said, they have abided by the agreements signed years ago and are doing this out of the spirit of cooperation. No word on any additional work. Four roads are now closed. Fangboner Road closed on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mark and I met with railroad officials and a representative from ODOT about the possibility of building some overpasses in York Township. The railroad participation of 5 – 7% was very disappointing. Each one would cost between \$5 and \$7 million to build. Without help from the State or Federal government, they simply are not affordable and no funds are currently available. The railroad places a different value on the closing of each crossing. They are supposed to send us the estimated value for several crossings that would be involved.

The county sub-committee for OPWC projects met this week. Two of our projects (repairs to State Street Bridge and resurfacing CR's 107 and 117) received priority points. We won't know if they are funded until the District 5 committee ranks projects from all nine counties **later this Fall**.

Rich and I attended a meeting in Bowling Green about federal funds on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We have two projects that are scheduled to be funded next year. These are resurfacing projects: CR 312 and CR's 11 & 58.

We received disappointing news about the bridge on CR 232. Our request for emergency funds was denied. We'll have to fund this entirely out of our budget.

Jeff and I travelled to Champaign County to look at a distributor they have for sale. It looks like a nice outfit but it is a 1988. We both agreed their asking price of \$20,000 is high. We'll find out if that price is negotiable. We'll need some type of distributor if we are going to get back in the spot paving business. We toured their yard and buildings while we were there. I'll take Sandusky County any day!

We were very fortunate to be able to give raises this year. This is something not many agencies are doing at this time. Just keep in mind, whatever happens to health insurance premiums happens. Who knows what costs will do, but employees should be prepared to pay more. As employees we currently pay 6.5% of the cost compared to 13% for the rest of the county. This percentage will likely go up. More importantly than any of this is how money is managed. All employees should participate in some type of a savings program. Regular, no matter how small, contributions add up over a 30-year career. Remember deferred compensation programs are available to all employees. See Kris if would like to get involved.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tim Below	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
Andy Brough	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
Rich Randolph	September 30 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Auxter	October 4 <sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Mark Swartz October 1<sup>st</sup> 31 years

## POWER OF PINK



Today is The Power of Pink day to support the awareness of breast cancer!! Thank you to all that support the cause and remember to keep all those who are fighting in your thoughts and prayers!! Support the pink throughout the day in the hope for the cure.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### It's a boy!

Bentley Alan Meade – aka Bam Bam

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

6 lbs. 11 oz.

20" long

Parents Stephanie Burdette & Ben Meade

Grandma Kris Foreman

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### Income

Comparing January – August, income increased 2%

2010	\$2,887,667
2009	\$2,826,188

### United Way Fundraiser

Bowling for United Way Dollars

- One hour of bowling
- Food (20% of sales goes to United Way)
- Raffles
- Mini-golf (40% of sales goes to United Way)

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Bowl at 1pm – 2:15 pm

Plaza Lanes, \$60 per team of up to 6 bowlers/\$100 per team of up to 6 bowlers plus sponsor recognition at lane

Entry forms need turned in by Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.

For further information, call United Way Office at 419-334-8938

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well it is hard to believe that September is almost over! The weather is cooling down, or I should say should be cooling down. You wouldn't be able to tell by the record breaking heat we had yesterday, considering it was the first day of Autumn. We all know what Fall means: Winter is just around the corner and we never know what that has in store for us.

The vehicle inspection was today and almost everything passed except for a few little minor things. Good job to everyone for keeping up on the vehicles.

It has been about a month since the last Road Report so there is a lot to tell.....

The paving contracts are about done. CR's 198, 259, 265 and 232 between 259 and SR 6, were finished being tarred and chipped

along with paving Memory Marina and CR 232 between SR 6 and SR 20. Christy and Muskellunge Creek are paved, we have some berming to do and they have to be striped yet.

The mowing should be finished up today and then all the mowers will be back in the yard. Jeff is working on the boom mower and it should be ready to head out soon.

Jimmy and Chad sandblasted Ballville Bridge 10 feet past each end on each side and painted it. We still have to seal the sidewalks where the paint is peeling. They also finished sandblasting and painting the bridge on TR 72.

### Mark and his crew have been busy....

- silt removal on CR 260 and 245
- repaired culvert on 265
- removed silt and placed rip rap on footers of RY 265-1.05

### Misc.

- Repaired catch basin on Tiffin Rd
- Repaired catch basin on CR198
- Bermed on CR 265
- Dug out bad spot on CR 106 by CR 153 and re-paved
- Yard and town route spots were mowed
- CR 57 widening
- SA 57-2.22 waterproofing
- Culvert inspections
- Silt removal, and bridge inspections
- Cleaned up wood chips from stump removals
- Started moving shelves out of old parts room
- Worked on north wall of bldg. #1
- Leveled dirt for new road at the fairgrounds

## THINGS OF INTEREST

### FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Fremont, Front Street

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rain or Shine

### BOWLING

Starts Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:00 pm

Plaza Lanes, 419-332-1192

Get your team roster together.

### CRAFTER'S DAY

Where: Grace Lutheran Church

When: Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

RSVP: 419-332-1558

