

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Fred's Desk



LAST WEEK, two very successful meetings were held at the Roscoe Garage. On Thursday evening, our annual township trustees and fiscal officers meeting was held with 44 in attendance. Then on Friday, all of our employees attended our annual all day safety training meeting. In addition to several speakers, we introduced our new employees since last year's meeting. Now working with us are Scott Sall, Welder II, Mike Drake, Bridgeworker I, Mark Bosnic and Randy Hammond both Highway Workers II. Welcome aboard.

On April 6th bids were opened by the county commissioners for replacing a 205' long retaining wall along Nixon Run Road which collapsed during heavy rainfall this past winter. This project has been awarded to Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. in the amount of \$167,267. Two other bids were received, one by B.B.R Drilling (\$222,755) and Suburban Maintenance & Construction (\$243,318.50). This is being funded 80% by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Bids will be opened on May 18th for Road Oil for Dust Control. This will be for furnishing and placement of 52,500 Gal. of MC-70 and 11,000 GAL. of MC-3000. We should begin oiling in June.

Work continues on the two bridge project on Wegee Road. Beams should be set this week on the lower bridge (near the monument). Once this bridge is complete and opened, the second bridge will be closed and replaced. More bid openings will be announced in the near future.

CEAO Conferences

May 18
Ohio Land
Modernization Conference

June 10
CCAO/CEAO
Summer Seminar

July 27 & 28
Ohio Traffic
Engineering & Highway
Safety / Access
Management Seminar



2011 Employee Safety Meeting

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Ohio Engineering & Surveying Certificate Presentation Ceremony by Don Pickenpaugh

On Saturday, March 19 I was privileged to participate in the Certificate Presentation Ceremony for new Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, and Engineer Interns and Surveyor Interns, at the Ohio Statehouse. The Ohio Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) organized the event which was hosted by the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

Welcome was by Mr. Steve Day, PE, OSPE Past President. Mr. Ted Hubbard, PE, PS, Chair of the Board, presented greetings to the group of recipients, friends and families. Keynote speaker was Mr. Joe Litvin, PE, PS, Montgomery County Engineer and OSPE Past President, who recited personal experiences and professional accomplishments, and admonished us of our obligation to the Code of Ethics as part of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The Engineer's and Surveyor's Creed (below) was administered jointly by Mr. D. Bruce Larcomb, PE, PS, President-Elect of OSPE, and myself as President of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio. This was a highlight of my life, and I was bursting with joy for each of the recipients who worked and sacrificed to attain this honor.

Professional Surveyors Paul R. Hutchins, Kenneth B. Richardson and Timothy J. Schumm, and Surveyor Interns Aaron L. Ansell, Brian D. Berkshire, Jonathan D. Keller and Matthew A. Wohlford participated in the Certificate Presentation Ceremony March 19 at the Ohio Statehouse.



Engineers and Surveyors Creed

As a Professional Engineer or Professional Surveyor (Engineer Intern or Surveyor Intern)
I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.
I pledge to give the utmost of performance, To participate in none but honest enterprise,
To live and work according to the laws of man, and the highest standards of professional conduct.
To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage,
and the public welfare above all other considerations.
In humility and with need for Divine Guidance I make this pledge.

Dennis Hurst Retires

On March 30, 2011 Dennis Hurst retired after 30 years of service with the Engineer's Department. Dennis and his wife Marcia are going to spend more time working on their 1957 Chevy & 1965 Ford and going to car shows.

Good luck Dennis!



New Employees



Randall Hammond started his employment with the Engineer's Department on April 11. Randall was formerly employed at LynnCo in Dilles Bottom. He lives on Pipe Creek Road with his wife, Jewel. They have 2 sons; Hunter, 15 and Jerred, 8. Randall enjoys hunting and fishing especially when he can take his sons with him.

Welcome Randall!

Mark Bosnic also started with the Engineer's Department on April 11. He came to us from ODOT. Mark lives on Morris-town - Flushing Road. He raced motocross for several years and enjoys riding his 2011 Suzuki RM 450.

Welcome Mark!



2011 Safety Meeting



Everybody eagerly awaits the beginning of the first presentation.



Greg Nemeth of Nemo Crane Service talked about safe rigging practices.



Eric White of the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation talked about trench safety.



Chuck Green, OUPS, during his presentation on 811, Call Before You Dig and iDig.



Bill Rhodes of Staley Communications brought the employees up to speed on the new radio system.



Dave Ivan, Director of the Belmont County EMA, talked about Hazardous Materials.

Meeting with Township Officials



The annual meeting with Township officials was held on April 14 with 44 people in attendance. Tim Jackson (above left) and Jim McDonald (above right), both of whom work with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation on abandoned mines and oil & gas wells. They gave a short demonstration of the ODNR web site and showed how information for abandoned mines and permitted gas & oil wells could be researched.

Many thanks Tim and Jim for your presentations.

DEED TRANSFER STATS			
MONTH	DEEDS	TRACTS	EASEMENTS
JANUARY	197	330	55
FEBRUARY	155	268	31
MARCH	226	414	48