

Highway Commissioners Report

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During the past year, the O'Fallon Township Road District employees have performed various maintenance operations including, but not limited to, Right of Way (ROW) mowing, ditching, weed control, roadway drainage cleaning, tree and limb removal and mosquito abatement. They have also performed road sign repairs and replacement, refuse and debris removal, vehicle and equipment maintenance as a matter of "routine" activities.

Aside from their routine activities, below are a few items that I would like to highlight that have been accomplished during the past year.

- ◆ Snow and Ice control began November 15, 2018 and ended March 5, 2019. Twenty weather events occurred during that time span resulting in 150 tons of rock salt being spread on Road District Roads.
- ◆ Stormwater drainage improvements are year-round occurrences. This year crews completed various ditching operations and the replacement and/or new installation of twelve culverts.
- ◆ Road District crews assisted the St. Clair County Clerk, Thomas Holbrook, and O'Fallon Township Supervisor, Gary Ahle, with the transportation of election equipment and supplies for the November 5, 2018, and April 2, 2019, elections.
- ◆ On July 31, 2018, bids for the annual Pavement Overlay Program were opened. Christ Brothers Asphalt was the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$758,500.00. They successfully completed a 2" pavement overlay on N. Bowler Rd., Albers Rd. Hageman Rd. and most of N. Rieder Rd.
- ◆ Early in 2018, significant erosion at Huller Bridge on N. Rieder Rd. brought about the need for repairs. In April of 2018, LW Contractors were contracted to perform the necessary repairs.
- ◆ New equipment was added this year to the Road District fleet with the purchase of a John Deere Skid Steer loader thru the State of Illinois purchasing program in an amount of \$98,810.00. This skid steer came with a broom, planer cutter and fork attachments. Also added was a transport trailer purchased from Big Tex Trailers of Lebanon, IL, in the amount of \$15,928.00. See the attached Road District Vehicle and Equipment Inventory listing for your review.
- ◆ O'Fallon Township Road District crews assisted the Lebanon Township Road District with seal coating (road oiling) operations. O'Fallon Township Road District crews received assistance in our crack sealing operations from Lebanon Township and Caseyville Township Road District crews.

- ◆ Road District crews attended annual continuing education classes for mosquito control, flagger certification, Department of Agriculture Right-of-Way spraying and JULIE safe digging and pipeline safety.
- ◆ And, probably the most significant event for the O'Fallon Township Road District took place on September 5, 2019. Bids were received for facility enhancements and upgrades that will be of benefit to both the O'Fallon Township and the O'Fallon Road District. Local contractor, R & W Builders, was the lowest qualified bidder and was awarded the contract in the amount of \$599,955.00. Currently, work is underway which includes an enhanced front entrance to the Township Office building, new landscaping, and parking lot sealing and striping. The Road District will see a new storage building along with asphalt paving at the garage site. Construction is anticipated to continue thru the end of May 2019.

This year begins my 7th year as Road Commissioner. The Road District employees continue to do an exceptional job. As always, I am proud of the crew and pleased with the progress during the past year. I am also grateful for the assistance provided by the office staff and elected officials.

During the upcoming year, the Road District has plans to accomplish more improvements. Below are a few highlights to look forward to:

- ◆ Continued improvements to the 801 and 813 East State Street facilities, specifically with upgrades to the material storage areas, lighting and security.
- ◆ The 2019 Pavement Overlay Program, with an approximate budget of \$600,000.00, will take place.
- ◆ As necessary, we will continue to upgrade and replace the ageing vehicle/equipment fleet.

In closing, this is a brief summary of services and benefits provided by the O'Fallon Township Road District and fortifies that Township Government is most efficient and necessary. For a more comprehensive listing of Road District Activities, log on to the Township's website at www.ofallontownship.com. Click on services Road District. Once there you will find the Road District Activity Reports (RaDAR) for your review. Many thanks for a successful year and as always, we look forward to an even better year to come...

Respectfully Submitted,



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