

Starke County Highway Department Monthly Report – December 3rd , 2018

ROADS

Winter plowing -- We had five snow/ice events in November, slightly more than average. It was good on the job training for our newest drivers. There was enough to get a real feel of how it is to plow snow in a large dump truck but was not enough to be overwhelming. We continue to haul in material for next years road improvements when the weather allows it.

Road Assessments - We have begun our road assessments and are beginning to form our road improvement list for next summer. We have received a request to convert a gravel road to a paved road (150E from 400S to 500S). We are doing an assessment based on traffic, accident, and resident data and funding availability.

Community Crossings Grant Projects -Two of our Community Crossings grant applications were approved by INDOT. A resurfacing on CR25N from 600E to SR23 and an intersection improvement on CR210 at Bass Lake. Both projects will be bid out in January.

BRIDGES

REPLACEMENTS/REHABS

The Bridge 154 replacement will begin soon.

Bridge Maintenance- We have repaired the guard rail at four more bridges this month. We have also fixed the approaches at bridge #38 on CR800E, just south of CR500N and we are in the process of repairing the approaches at bridge #52 on 850S just east of CR800E

TRAINING

811/Midwest Damage Prevention Conference

LTAP Road Scholar Class #10 Drainage

VEHICLES

Marshall County Chipper and Distributor - \$60,000 versus \$425,000 for new vehicles.

Demo Dump Truck -- We have the opportunity to purchase an International dump/plow truck for \$126,000. Five years ago, we purchased a demo truck of similar configuration for \$130,000. We need a new truck and this is a very good price. We recently bid out for a new truck for next year and the prices were from \$145,000 to \$160,000

PERSONNEL

Two office positions – starting as soon as the drug tests are clear. We will be implementing our new asset management software after they train with Rachel for a month.