



# *ANNUAL REPORT*

## *2023*

## **THE PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

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## THE END OF AN ERA



*Mickey A. Marozzi & Larry D. Jenkins Jr., Photo by Lisa Scalfaro*

Michael “Mickey” A. Marozzi, P.E., P.S., retired as the Portage County Engineer in May of 2023. Mickey had a long career with Portage County beginning with **5.5** years as the Assistant County Sanitary Engineer, then **2.5** years as the Assistant County Engineer until becoming elected as the Portage County Engineer in 1986. He held the County Engineer position for over **34** years serving 9 consecutive terms and an overall total of **42-years** of service to the residents of Portage County.

Mickey made a huge impact on Portage County during his career. Upon taking over as County Engineer, one of the first things he did in the office was create a separate Bridge crew dedicated to the continual maintenance of the 172 County bridges. He inherited 13 closed bridges when he took over and that number is currently down to 1, with construction set to begin on the Ravenna Road Bridge in the Spring of 2024. During his tenure he has replaced 69 of the 172 County Bridges and nearly 1,000 culvert cross over pipes.

On the Road reconstruction and resurfacing side his career included the resurfacing of more than 250 miles of Level 1 asphalt pavements, and chip sealed nearly 1,800 miles of Level 2 and 3 Portage County roads. The County Engineer also has the important role of County Surveyor and during Mickey’s tenure he reviewed and approved 50 Subdivisions, 2500 new plats and over 7,000 new surveys in the county. He led the project to set Geodetic Survey monuments throughout the County, performed hundreds of Right-of-way, township boundary and County boundary surveys.

Mickey found great pride in serving the citizens of Portage County and looks forward to joining his wife in retirement and spending time with his family.

Larry D. Jenkins Jr., P.E., P.S., who served alongside Mickey as the Chief Deputy County Engineer, was appointed Portage County Engineer by the County Commissioners on May 12, 2023, and was officially appointed by the central committee on May 20, 2023.

# PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER

*Larry D. Jenkins Jr., P.E., P.S.*



To the Board of County Commissioners and the residents of Portage County, I am pleased to present the annual report of our department regarding the condition of Portage County's roads and bridges, as mandated by Section 5543.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. This report is intended to explain to the residents of Portage County how the revenues from the motor vehicle gas tax and license plate fees are utilized for the maintenance and reconstruction of Portage County's roads and bridges. This report also highlights the accomplishments of the department during the past year and outlines our tentative plans for 2024.

A significant transition occurred within the County Engineer's Department during the first half of 2023. Michael A. "Mickey" Marozzi, ended his tenure as Portage County Engineer after nearly 40 years of dedicated service in May of 2023. After my appointment by the Board of Commissioners and the Central Committee, the remaining portion of the year has been led by me, Larry D. Jenkins Jr., your new County Engineer.

Having worked 26 years as an engineer for a local municipality, I bring with me a wealth of experience in public service engineering but working alongside Mickey for the past four years has been invaluable. It has helped prepare me to be your County Engineer, and I can only hope to carry on his outstanding record of public service for the residents of Portage County.

As the Portage County Engineer, it is my goal for the department to be fiscally responsible and to make the funds we are entrusted with go as far as possible. We will remain committed to prioritizing projects with safety being our highest priority. The department will continue to utilize county forces for as many maintenance and construction activities as we can while continuing to actively pursue grant opportunities to help offset escalating construction costs.

As I take over as your County Engineer, I am pleased to report that our 368 centerline miles of roads, 172 bridges, and over 1800 culverts are in reasonably good condition, thanks to the continued dedicated efforts of all personnel in the Portage County Engineers office.

Having been part of the County Engineer's office for the past five years, I have witnessed firsthand the exceptional dedication of our employees. Our department is comprised of skilled employees committed to advancing the infrastructure of Portage County, and I am grateful for their ongoing contributions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the residents of Portage County.

Respectfully submitted,

**Larry D. Jenkins Jr., P.E., P.S.**  
Portage County Engineer

## SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

### 2023/2024 WINTER SEASON



The Portage County Engineer is responsible for snow and ice control on **368** miles of county roads which translates into **736** lane miles of road. Although we do not maintain a “bare roads” policy, our goal is to keep our county roads safe for the motoring public.

Costs for snow and ice control from the 2023/2024 Winter Season totaled **\$314,254.06**. The cost breakdown includes **\$165,116.50** for materials, (e.g. 3,100 tons of salt & 285 tons of grits). Labor costs totaled **\$155,021.41** and consisted of **2,122.50** regular time man-hours and **1,113.90** overtime hours. We had **15** partial callouts and **10** full overtime call outs.

The Portage County Engineer and most of Portage County’s 18 Townships, as well as many of the surrounding political subdivisions throughout the County, participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) **Winter Salt Contract**. For those political subdivisions wishing to purchase their salt requirements through us for the 2024/2025 snow and ice control season, pricing will be available later this year. Should you wish to purchase through us, we do require a letter of authorization from your Township stating your approximate requirements for the season.

## EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Portage County Engineer’s Office purchased three (3) pieces of Snow removal equipment in 2023.



Two (2) 2023 Western Star 47X Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis were purchased for snow and ice control. Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., dba Valley Freightliner Sterling & Western Star of Parma, Ohio provided the trucks at a state contract price of \$123,478 per Cab and Chassis.

One (1) Dump Body Snow and Ice Control Equipment Package was purchased for the State Contract Price of \$104,517.12. With the continued supply chain issues this will be installed on a Western Star 4700SB Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis that was purchased the year before in 2022.

## OUR CREWS AT WORK

When the snow stops, our road crews are kept busy working on “routine” road maintenance projects. Spring means patching potholes left over after a winter of snow, salt and extremely low temperatures. When the weather improves, the roadside mowers out in an effort to keep the high grass and weeds to a minimum.



**Edge Paving**



**Pond Maintenance**



**Chip and Seal**

During the 2023 construction season, Portage County crews paved 16 lane miles of roadway edges to improve rideability and to provide additional service life to five roadways. They included: Lovers Lane, Red Brush Road, Wayland Road, Porter Road, and Hughes Road. Overall, roughly 1,745 tons of asphalt were added to the various roadways. The material cost for improvements totaled \$151,617. From May to October of 2023, our crew performed maintenance on 15 ponds and basins. Amongst other equipment used, in order to protect our employees from the steep slopes of these ponds, we utilized a 52” remote control Rotary Mower. Labor, Material & Equipment for these jobs totaled \$40,490 and was reimbursable by the Portage County Storm Water District. When Summer rolled around our crews single sealed 33.5 miles of roadway, installed 25 drive pipes, replaced 23 culverts, cut berms on 33.51 miles of roadway and mowed over 275 miles of roadway 3 times during the mowing season.



**Bridge Maintenance**

In 2023, the bridge crew performed maintenance activities on many of our bridges including repairs to 5 bridges and 2 culverts.

Repairs included steel beam replacement, concrete and asphalt deck repair, and abutment repair. Bridge crew members performed periodic inspections of all structures as well as assisting on the in-depth inspection of two bridges.

The crew also conducted scheduled monitoring of movement gauges placed on two bridges.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

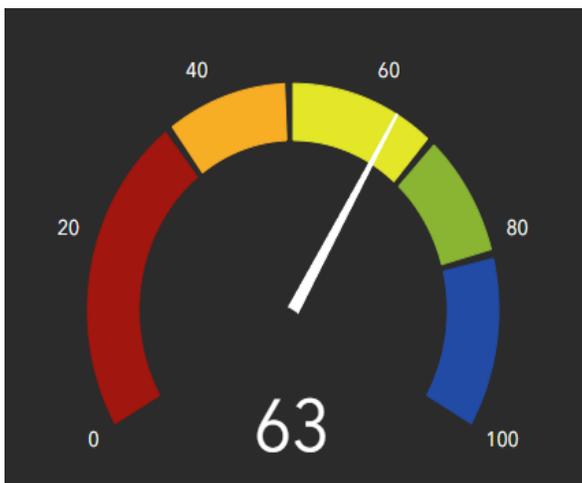


Our Traffic Safety Department is responsible for center and edge line striping on the 368 miles of County roadways along with pavement markings including railroad crossings, intersections & school zones. During 2023, our Traffic Safety crews center line striped a total of **283.1** miles and edge line striped a total of **237.5** miles of County roads with acrylic water base traffic paint. Our traffic paint requirements are bid annually and for 2023 we awarded to Ozark Materials, LLC, of Greenville, Alabama. Our cost for material for the painting season was **\$73,792.25**.

Other responsibilities of the Traffic Safety crew include: maintaining signage throughout the county, including all road signs on County roads and bridge signs on Township roads.

The Traffic Safety crew also inventoried and maintained 5,440 traffic signs throughout the County. Our inventory consists of 3,364 Warning and Guide Signs and 2,076 Regulatory Signs. Our crew also repaired over 1,100 signs and completed road counts on 200 sections of level III County roads.

## HOW DO WE SELECT THE ROADS TO BE RESURFACED



This year the Portage County Engineer's Office hired Pavement Management Group (PMG) to rate all pavement maintained by the County. All roadways were videotaped and given a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating based on the distresses present in the pavement. Ratings range from 0-100 with 100 being a brand-new roadway.

The County roadway network received an overall rating of **63** out of **100**. (19% rated excellent, 25% good 33% fair, 20% poor and 4% of our roadways are rated very poor. The Engineer's Office strives to eliminate very poor and poor roadway conditions while maintaining fair, good, and excellent roadway conditions. We prioritize resurfacing based on this while taking the current level system into account.

Our 368 miles of County Roads are divided into three (3) levels. Level 1 roads have traffic counts above 1,600 vehicles a day. Level 2 roads have between 800 and 1600 vehicles a day, and Level 3 roads, our rural roads, have less than 800 vehicles a day. We are continuing to put a priority on resurfacing the oldest and lowest rated pavements with the highest traffic counts.

## ROAD RESURFACING

### 441 RESURFACING PROJECT

This project included the total resurfacing of 2.92 miles and approximately 2,900 SY of partial depth repairs of various routes and townships throughout Portage County:

The Base Bid consisted of:

- \* Tallmadge Road (CH 18), from SR 225 to Mahoning Road in Palmyra Township
- \* Parkman Road (CH 299) from Pritchard to Geauga County Line

Alternate Bids consisted of:

- \* Mennonite (CH 256) from the Aurora City Limits to John Edwards in Mantua Township
- \* Chamberlain (CH 265) from Mennonite to SR 82 in Mantua Township
- \* Industry (CH 47) from Taylor to SR 14 in Atwater, Randolph, & Rootstown Townships

Six (6) sealed bids for this project were received and opened on July 26, 2023. A construction contract in the amount of \$840,113.10 was awarded to Cardinal Asphalt of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. This bid came in under the engineer’s estimate of \$1,221,025.40. Of the above-mentioned routes, a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) offset the costs of Tallmadge Road O-P and provided 50% of total costs up to the grant maximum. All additional costs were incurred with local monies. The project improved various county routes by milling, partial and full depth repairs along with surface treatment, and compaction of aggregate berms. Center and edge line striping was then applied.



## 2023 TOWNSHIP PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY THE ENGINEER’S OFFICE

TOWNSHIP	PROJECT	AWARDED	AMOUNT
Atwater	Chip & Seal	Melway Paving	\$60,293.70
Brimfield	Chip & Seal	Geauga Highway	\$306,100.50
Brimfield	Cline Road Culvert	Matt Winters Excavating	\$220,760.00
Brimfield	Kings Ridge Development Paving Project	Perrin Asphalt	\$287,805.50
Charlestown	Knapp Road Resurfacing	Ronyak Paving Co.	\$259,668.50
Freedom	Chip & Seal	Geauga Highway	\$54,810.00
Freedom	Asbury Road Culvert	Matt Winters Excavating	\$202,325.00
Hiram	Chip & Seal	Geauga Highway	\$196,687.80
Mantua	Chip & Seal	Ronyak Paving Co.	\$63,167.10
Paris	Minyoung Resurfacing	Ronyak Paving Co.	\$229,493.50
Ravenna	Ravenna Paving Project	Cardinal Asphalt	\$183,326.50
Rootstown	Chip & Seal	Geauga Highway	\$134,669.15
Shalersville	Cooley Road Resurfacing	Ronyak Paving Co.	\$269,150.00
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,468,257.25</b>

## AMISH STEERING COMMITTEE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



In 2003, a fund was created for the Amish community to do its part in helping the county and townships maintain roadways. Each church collected an annual fee of at least \$50 per buggy from every Amish family in Ohio. The fee included: buggies, surrey, and open carts. The money collected was then divided equally between the counties and townships that have Amish communities, with the state receiving 10%, counties 60% and townships 30%. In 2023 we compiled the funds donated by the Amish Steering Committee and applied them to a section of Parkman Road in Nelson Township. We were able to provide over 1,307 sq yds of partial depth repairs in the area in front of one of our Amish schools and this was completed at a cost of \$35,282 by Cardinal Asphalt Company, Inc. of Cuyahoga Falls.

## PROPOSED 2024 COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

**Industry Road Resurfacing Project:**  
 Bidding: June 2024  
 Estimated Cost: \$530,000

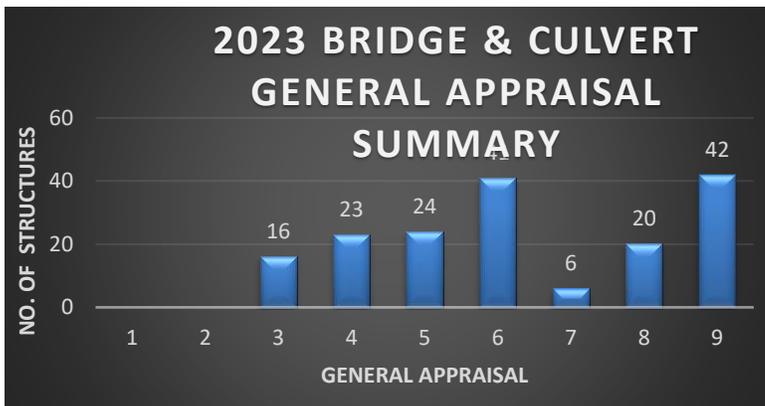
**2024 Resurfacing Project:**  
 Bidding: April 2024  
 Estimated Cost: \$2.0M

**2024 Crack Seal Project:**  
 Bidding: April 2024  
 Estimated Cost: \$50K

## PROPOSED 2024 TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENTS

Township	Proposed Project	Eng. Estimate
<b>Brimfield</b>	Portage Commons & Highway view Drive Resurfacing Project	\$369,596.00
<b>Brimfield</b>	Chip & Seal Project	\$280,801.15
<b>Deerfield</b>	OPWC Round 38 Bandy & Fewtown Resurfacing	\$381,906.21
<b>Freedom</b>	Chip & Seal Project	\$79,486.25
<b>Hiram</b>	Chip & Seal Project	\$250,729.40
<b>Mantua</b>	OPWC Round 38 Pioneer Trail Resurfacing	\$503,970.95
<b>Palmyra</b>	Chip & Seal Project	\$152,014.25
<b>Ravenna</b>	Chip & Seal Project	\$110,000.00
<b>Rootstown</b>	Rootstown Community Park Paving Project	\$162,080.00
<b>Shalersville</b>	OPWC Round 38 Coit Road Resurfacing	\$411,236.00
<b>Franklin</b>	OPWC Round 38 <sup>th</sup> Sixth & Ohio Resurfacing	\$400,000.00
<b>Paris</b>	OPWC Round 38 LaBelle Heights Improvement Project	\$347,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,448,820.21</b>

## BRIDGE & CULVERT CONDITION ASSESSMENT



The Portage County Engineer maintains 172 bridges and culverts with overall span lengths greater than 10 feet. The county's duties include inspection, repair, and replacement of these structures as required. All structures are inspected on an annual schedule, which exceeds federal standards. Following FHWA Bridge inspection guidelines, all bridges and culverts are evaluated on a scale of 0 - *Failed* to 9 - *Excellent*.

Portage County's average general appraisal is **6.43**, which is between 6 - *Satisfactory* and 7 - *Good*. Structures with general appraisals of 3-*Serious* and 4-*Poor* are either programmed for replacement or rehabilitation or are being repaired with construction funds. The average age of the county's structures is 41.1 years, with half of these bridges and culverts constructed before 1986.

The County's oldest bridge, the West Main Street Bridge over the Cuyahoga River in Kent, was built in 1876, and is also the largest county bridge. This three-span stone arch was built in 1876, replacing a two-span covered bridge. The West Main Street Bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 and easily viewed from the Franklin Mills Riveredge Park.

John Wackerley, an independent consultant, inspects most of the county's bridges and culverts. The balance of the structure inspections, generally 15 structures total, are performed by the county bridge engineer. These structures are selected on a rotating basis in preparation for upcoming repair, rehabilitation, or replacement. All inspections are performed by National Highway Institute-certified bridge inspectors and are performed to the guidelines specified in ORC 5543.20.

In conjunction with ODOT, the County Engineer's Association of Ohio (CEAO) performs Quality Assurance/Quality Control reviews of all 88 Ohio counties on a four-year cycle. Portage County's last QA/QC review was conducted in 2022 and noted that Portage County was compliant in all aspects of inspection.

### Bridge Load Ratings and Postings

When significant deterioration is observed, Portage County calculates the resulting capacity for all Ohio legal vehicles. As of December 31, 2023, fifteen county structures were posted for load restrictions, and two bridges were closed. One of the closed bridges, Newton Fall Road over the West Branch of the Mahoning River (Paris Township) is undergoing repairs and will reopen Spring 2024.

FHWA has developed new bridge inspection guidelines called the Specifications for National Bridge Inspection (SNBI). Within SNBI, new parameters for load rating procedures have been adopted. Portage County is currently reviewing and developing new load rating analyses for most of its bridges and culverts.

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROJECT UPDATES

### SILICA SAND ROAD TRUSS BRIDGE OVER EAGLE CREEK



Silica Sand Road Truss Bridge Replacement was completed in November of 2023. Matt Winters Excavating, LLC of Stow, Ohio was awarded the best and lowest bid of \$1,084,460.00. A grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation provided nearly 100% federal funding for this project up to grant maximum.

### STANLEY ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MAHONING CREEK



Stanley Road Bridge Replacement in Windham Township was also awarded to Matt Winters Excavating, LLC for \$552,289. This project was completed in December of 2023 with The Ohio Department of Transportation providing nearly 100% federal funding.

## FUTURE BRIDGE PROJECTS



**Judson Road Bridge Rehabilitation**

**Location:** Judson Rd over W&LE RR, Franklin Township  
**Delivery Method:** Design-Bid-Build  
**Structure Type:** Deck & Stringer Replacement

**Schedule:**

**Design:** Complete in Summer 2024  
**Construction Advertised:** Fall 2024  
**Construction:** Early 2025  
**Est. Construction Cost:** \$500,000



**Old Forge Road Bridge Replacement**

**Location:** Old Forge Rd over Breakneck Creek, Rootstown Township  
**Delivery Method:** Simplified Bridge  
**Structure Type:** PS Box Beam

**Schedule:**

**Design:** Complete in Summer 2024  
**Construction Advertised:** Fall 2024  
**Construction:** Mid 2025  
**Est. Construction Cost:** \$1,094,000



**Randolph Road Bridge Replacement**

**Location:** Randolph Rd over Potter Creek, Randolph Township  
**Delivery Method:** Design Build  
**Structure Type:** Single Span

**Schedule:**

**Construction Advertised:** February 2024  
**Construction:** Summer 2024  
**Est. Construction Cost:** \$888,000



**Ravenna Road Bridge Replacement**

**Location:** Ravenna Rd over NS RR, Franklin Township  
**Delivery Method:** Design-Bid-Build  
**Structure Type:** PS Box Beam on CIP Concrete Piles

**Schedule:**

**Design:** Complete in Summer 2024  
**Construction Advertised:** July 2024  
**Construction:** Early 2025  
**Est. Construction Cost:** \$2,000,000

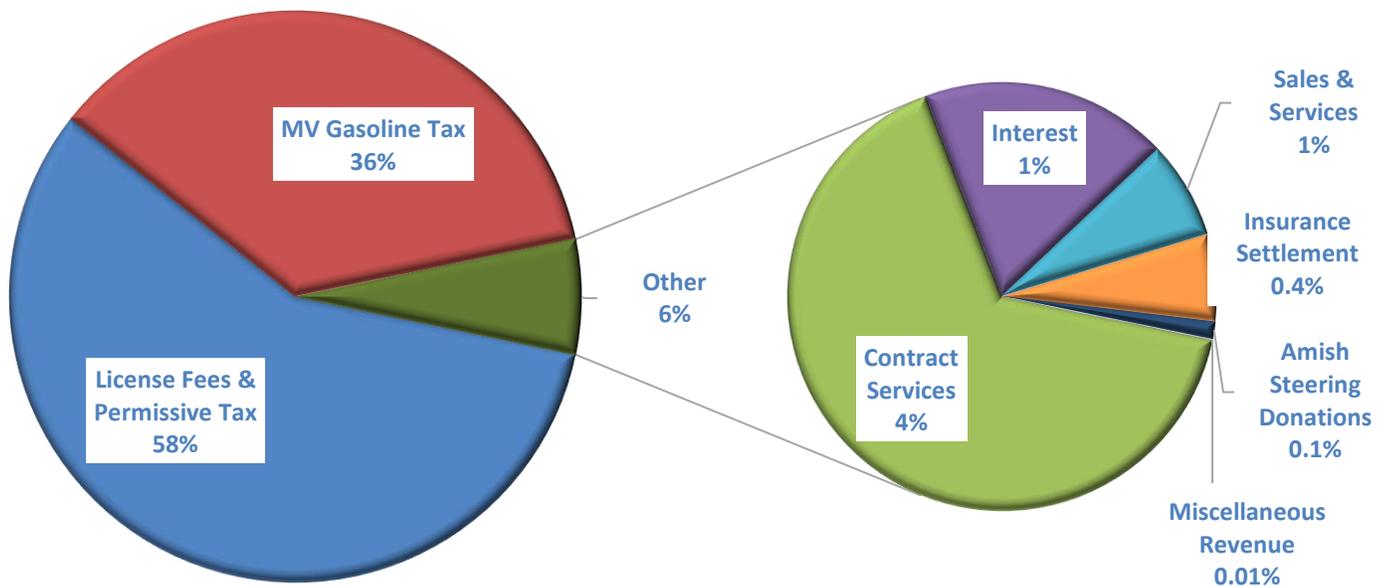
## BUDGET FACTS & FIGURES

Our department’s largest revenue source is **Vehicle Registration Fees (License Plates)**. Revenue is only received from those who register vehicles in Portage County. Our second largest revenue source is **Gasoline Tax**. On July 1, 2019, the State of Ohio gas tax increased from 28 cents per gallon to 38.5 cents per gallon. This gas tax is divided among counties, cities, townships and villages with all 88 counties within the State of Ohio receiving an equal share. For County Engineers, this equates to an estimated revenue increase of about \$1.5 million.

We **do not** receive any direct federal gas tax revenue, nor do we receive revenue from real estate taxes, sales taxes, income taxes or Portage County’s General Fund.

2023 DESCRIPTION OF REVENUE	2023 REVENUE
License Fees & Permissive Tax	\$6,095,030
MV Gasoline Tax	\$3,827,153
Contract Services	\$452,116
Interest	\$128,088
Sales & Services	\$50,603
Insurance Settlement	\$44,631
Amish Steering Donations	\$8,779
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$877
<b>TOTAL 2023 REVENUE</b>	<b>\$10,607,277</b>

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## GRANT DOLLARS SAVE COUNTY DOLLARS

Whenever possible, the Portage County Engineer’s office applies for federal grant money through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) or the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) and state money through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to bring tax dollars back to Portage County for local projects. By using the local match money to qualify for federal and state grants, we maximize the use of County dollars. This allows us to complete many projects that would otherwise be unaffordable. Many of our construction projects bid during 2023 were paid with both local monies and grant monies.

As mentioned above on our 441 Resurfacing Project, TALLMADGE ROAD RESURFACING SECTIONS O-P, were funded 50% through the Ohio Public Works Commission!



This project was completed in May of 2023 by Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Company of Youngstown. The Engineer’s Office was able to receive 50% grant funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission. Total price of this bridge replacement was \$674,786.

## OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC)

The following Portage County political subdivisions received favorable action by the District 7 Integrating Committee for Round 38 funding ...

City of Aurora	East Pioneer Trail	Mantua Township	Pioneer Trail Resurfacing**
City of Kent	500 K & 400 K Water Tank Rehab.	Paris Township	LaBelle Heights Imp. Project
City of Ravenna	Spruce & Jefferson Water & Sewer	Shalersville Township	Coit Road Resurfacing
City of Streetsboro	2024 Streetsboro Road Program	Portage Co. Engineer	Judson Bridge Rehab
Village of Garrettsville	Windham St. Water Replacement	Portage Co. Engineer	Industry Road Resurfacing Proj.
Franklin Township	6th & Ohio Resurfacing	PC. Water Res.	Mantua WWTP Improvements

**Alternate Projects May** receive funding if turnback monies are available.

City of Kent	WRF Primary Clarifier No. 1 Rehab	Village of Hiram	Water Treat. Plant Upgrade**
Village of Hiram	Wakefield Road Pump Station Imp.**	Deerfield Township	Bandy/Fewtown Resurf.**

**\*\* Indicates Small Government Eligible should LTIP/SCIP Funds be Depleted**

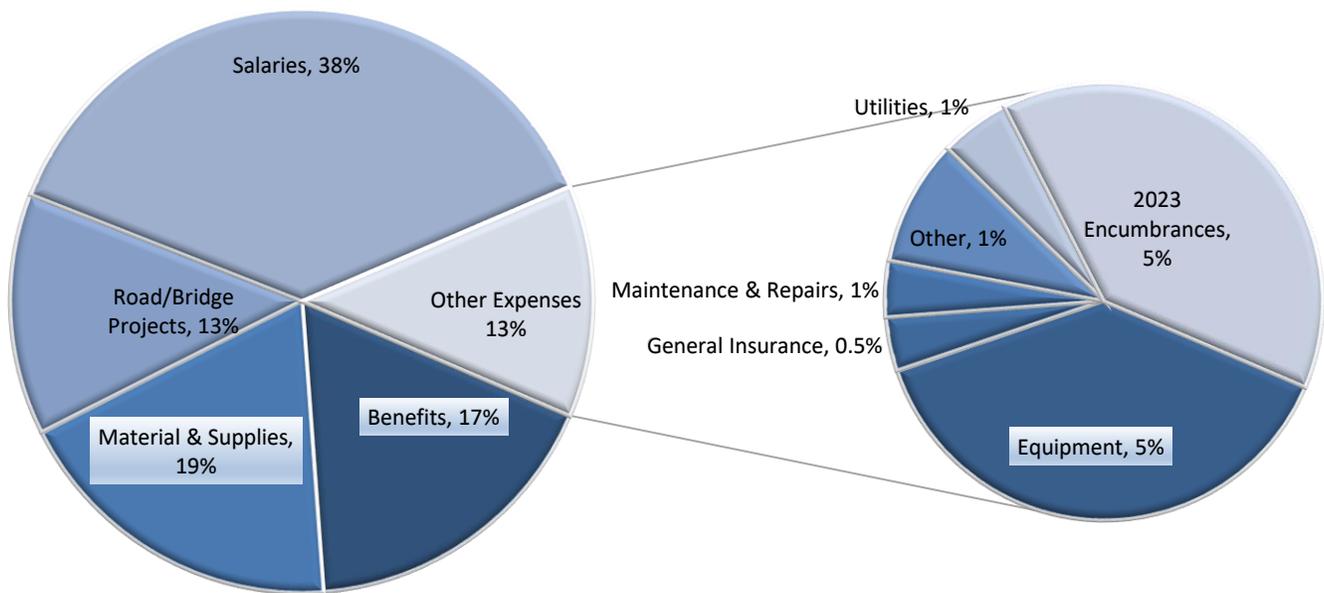
Round 38 grants are expected to be released in July. Pre-application packets for OPWC Round 39 will be e-mailed on April 1<sup>st</sup> and are due back to our office no later than Friday, May 24, 2024. Please visit their website <https://publicworks.ohio.gov/> to review the necessary protocols for submitting online disbursement requests including all back up documentation needed.

## BUDGET FACTS & FIGURES EXPENSES

In 2023 our department was successful in getting our original percentage share of Federal funding increased on three of our Federally eligible bridges. This allowed our local share percentage to go down to nearly zero. The amount of Federal grants at nearly 100% equated to **\$2.8 Million dollars**, which will allow us to provide more funds for next year’s Capital Improvement program.

2023 DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES	2023 EXPENDITURES
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$3,404,686.53</b>
Material & Supplies	\$1,693,803.77
Benefits	\$1,574,404.95
Road/Bridge Projects	\$1,211,923.27
2023 Encumbrances	\$452,870.04
Equipment	\$446,361.10
Other	\$108,218.99
Utilities	\$60,411.18
Maintenance & Repairs	\$48,325.67
General Insurance	\$46,543.00
<b>Total 2023 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,047,549</b>

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## TAX MAP DEPARTMENT

**Monday through Friday \* 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**449 S Meridian St 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor \* Ravenna, OH 44266 \* 330-297-3598**

<https://www.portagecounty-oh.gov/engineer/tax-map>

The Tax Map Office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Portage County Administration Building. The Tax Map Department operates with two (2) full-time employees. It is the responsibility of the Tax Map Department to maintain all County parcel maps providing the County Auditor with an accurate tax base for each parcel. This includes checking new property splits, adjusting property lines and acreages as reflected from new survey plats and keeping the maps updated according to daily changes. Tax Map personnel also check each deed being recorded to make sure the legal descriptions being used are accurate and complete. A large amount of information can be located on our website. The Tax Map Department assists the public, land surveyors, the title industry, and legal professionals. In addition, Tax Map personnel assist in maintaining the County's LBRS [Location Based Response System]. The LBRS is a County/State initiative that assembles and distributes current information on all roads and addresses in the County. The information is accessed by many entities, such as EMS, and helps in saving lives. The LBRS also reduces taxpayer dollars by eliminating duplicate data collection and is vital in protecting the safety, health, welfare, and quality of life for the residents of Portage County and the State of Ohio.

### During 2023 the Tax Map Department...

Reviewed 52 New Plats and 186 New Surveys

## 2023 SUBDIVISION ACTIVITY UPDATES

Brimfield Commons	Construction completed and is under 1 year maintenance period
Cranberry Creek Phase III	Completed and dedicated to the Township Summer of 2023
Cranberry Creek Phase IV	Maint. and dedication to Brimfield Township early Spring of 2024
Eagle Green	Preliminary plan approved in Winter, 2024
Forest Ridge	Preliminary plan approved in Winter, 2024
Germaine Reserve Phase I	Maint. and dedication to Franklin Township early Spring of 2024
Germaine Reserve Phase II	Maint. and dedication to Franklin Township early Spring of 2024
Hickory Creek Phase I	Construction continues through 2023
Hickory Creek Phase II	Plans are in review
Maplecrest Industrial	Construction completed and is under 1 year maintenance period
Maplecrest Parkway	Maint. and dedication to Brimfield Township early Spring of 2024
Cascades Subdivision	Approved on January 24, 2024
Viega LLC	Under design and review
Turnpike Commerce Center	Construction is completed and is under 1 year maintenance period
Wingfoot Lake Subdivision	Plans complete begin construction Spring of 2024

## PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER STAFF



Employees listed from left to right:

Front: Buc McBride, John Trew, Wendall Neiswanger, Dave Bunker, Doug DiMauro, Michael Ury, Robert Smith, Charlie Moon, Kendrick Jones, Keith Franko, Tom Matota, Dale Novak, Ricky Swartz, Chris Moore, Ronald Rhinehart, Dave Reed, Justin Croasmun, Jeff Chambers, Rick Kisamore, Kelley Steigerwald, Elizabeth Hurd, Mike Messmore, Andy Shenigo, Bill Roby, Sandra Turck, Scott Lindow, Marce Hamilton, Jessica White, Cedric Brown, Beth Elliott, Tara Kramer, Mike Collins, Dennis Trautman, Tom Lindsay,

Back: Tony Guillot, Bill Vermes, Ian Tomlinson, Portage County Engineer Larry D. Jenkins Jr., Anthony Ramicone, Lincoln Barrett, Rob Hanna, Gary Ellison, Jeff Nicely

Not Pictured: Rachael Brekhus, Chrstina Carmona Roman, Andy Chasar, Matt Damsa, Leslie Froelich, Ralph Gribble, Bryanna Hanna, Al Heasley, Rebecca Lissy-Miku, Tony Martino, Dan Mathia, Jonathan McCracken, Bill Rufener, Colin Scahill, Dan Sedensky, Dennis Smallwood, Tom Stewart, Art Yost

### We welcome our 2023 NEW HIRES

<b>Kelley Steigerwald, P. E</b>	Assistant County Engineer
<b>Colin Scahill</b>	College Co-op

**We want to thank the following employees for their long service and dedication to the Portage County Engineers Office-Congratulations and enjoy retirement!**

<b>Michael “Mickey” Marozzi, P.E., P.S.</b>	Portage County Engineer	42-Years
<b>Robert “Bob” Martz</b>	Mechanic II	37-Years
<b>William “Bill” Blankenship</b>	Bridge Crew Foreman	31-Years
<b>Ricky L. Swartz</b>	Highway Worker	6-Years