

The Oneida Advisor

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Storm Damage and Emergency Repair on Kyper Road

Heavy rains severely damaged Kyper Road on May 26, 2012. Storm water run-off from the fields above Kyper Road were powerful enough to move boulders 2 to 3 feet in diameter, some of which blocked a culvert causing water to divert to the opposite side of the road. This water "trenched" 4 feet deep ruts on the side of the road and also washed away large portions of the road surface.

After the road was secured by the township, County Emergency Management Director, Adam Miller, was contacted and he visited the site. A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was issued and submitted to Miller's office. However, there were no emergency funds available for this repair since it was the only area in the county affected. This meant the repairs would be made utilizing funding from the Liquid Fuels account.

These are funds designated

yearly for general road repairs. Emergency repairs are allowed without having to be put out to bid.

Mike Ford, PennDot's Municipal Services Supervisor visited the site on May 29, 2012 to verify "emergency" status. Glenn O. Hawbaker and Hoffmaster Excavating were contacted and immediately went to work. Clean-up was done first, then extensive grading. Ralph Hoffmaster hauled eight tandem loads of material needed for fill and disposed of as many loads of debris. Hawbaker must have sent their A-team which consisted of Gradall operator, Sam White; Foreman, Jim Reish; and Casey Wagner. These guys did an outstanding job!

GPC (General Pipe Cleaning) from Sharon Hill, PA was brought in to remove large rocks and debris from the township culverts and pipes.

A big thanks goes to Steve Magill also of Glenn O. Haw-

baker, who was instrumental in organizing and moving things along. Thanks also go to James Ferrenberg, John Skipper, Bobby Adams and Caleb Wagner who all worked with the crew the entire week rebuilding culverts and many other tasks. Also to be thanked is Huntingdon Regional Fire and Rescue who flushed some of the smaller pipes and Rick Cutshall and Terry Greene of Huntingdon Borough for the loan of traffic cones.

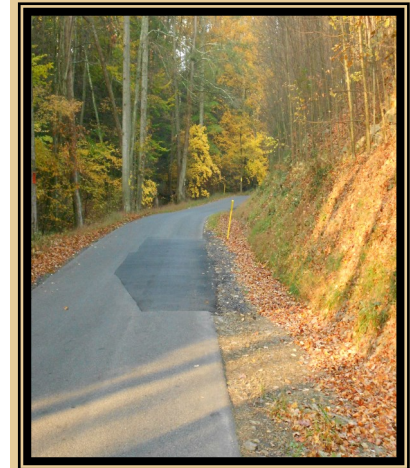
Estimated to take up to two weeks to complete, the repair was finished in five days!

After a year of settling, the roadway will be resurfaced in 2013.

You've heard the expression "when a plan comes together", well this all came together without a plan. And last but not least a big thank you goes to all of you, the township residents, for your patience.



Before



After

New Tax Millage in Oneida Township

This past summer Huntingdon County completed a reassessment of all real estate in the County. The effect of this action was to double the assessed value of each parcel of land on the County's books.

The end result of this action, if nothing else is done, would have been to double the amount of

real estate taxes for the County, School Districts and Townships or Boroughs. Taxes are derived by multiplying the assessed value times the millage applied by each taxing authority.

At the October 3, 2012 Oneida Township meeting, the Supervisors approved, effective January 1, 2013, a reduc-

tion of Oneida Township millage from 4 mils to 2 mils. This was accomplished with **Resolution 2012-01**.

As a result of this, real estate taxes for Oneida Township will end up being the same in 2013 as they were in 2012.

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A Message from your Fire Company by Jim Grace

Winter is rapidly approaching, heating safety is important to keep our families safe. Proper maintenance is the key. Furnaces need serviced to ensure proper operation. Chimneys and exhaust systems need inspected and cleaned. It is also important to ensure that the fire wood you are burning is seasoned to prevent flue fires. We need to be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendation with space heaters.

The most important thing is to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and ensure they are up to date and working.

Your elementary aged children learned about home exit drills during fire prevention week. Please take the time to go over your exit plans and family meeting place.

The Oneida township station continues to experience a severe shortage of manpower. Please stop by or visit us on the web at www.hrfr65.com to help protect your community.

P.S. Please return your fund contributions as we are closing out this year's drive. Your support is greatly appreciated.

2012 Oneida Township Contributions to HRF&R:

In Kind*	\$15,000
Cash	7,500
Insurance	3,065
Worker's Comp	2,312
Foreign Fire**	<u>6,251</u>
TOTAL	\$34,128

*Includes rent, heat, repairs, maintenance, etc.

**State Funds for Fire Companies

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