

TO: Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
Sandusky County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ottawa County Engineer
DATE: December 12, 2016
SUBJECT: Joint County Ditch 53-2.210 Nine-Mile Creek

In 1969 a petition was filed for Joint County Ditch 53-2.210, also known as Nine-Mile Creek. Through the course of several years hearings and viewings were held, the project postponed and re-petitioned, and eventually action was taken to move forward with the project. In 1978 the joint board issued authorization for expenses to be incurred on this project. The two counties agreed to split the costs evenly and each fronted money accordingly. Work commenced and funds were spent.

In 1981 a request for additional funding was presented to the joint board. Approval was granted and each board contributed more funds. The project continued and additional monies were expended.

Since the 1981 approval for funds, and subsequent deposits of moneys into a fund for this project, there appears to have been no official action on this project. No record could be located indicating final plans were filed with the joint board, extensions were granted (for any reason), nor a final approval or rejection passed. The project has now lain dormant for over 30 years.

The issue comes to surface because Ottawa County currently has \$2,631.86 in reserve for this ditch. Since there has been no activity on this project in years, property owners are not requesting action on this petition, and moving forward would require a new survey and design to fit current conditions, it is the recommendation of this office that the balance of funds on reserve be returned to the general funds of Ottawa and Sandusky County. Please accept the enclosed check in the amount of \$1,315.93 as a return of funds for this project.

Respectfully,

Ronald P. Lajti, Jr., P.E., P.S.
Ottawa County Engineer

Enclosures