

# City of Findlay

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## FINDLAY AIRPORT

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## **City of Findlay Airport Annual Report- 2016**

Findlay Airport, a general aviation airport located in Findlay, Ohio, is owned and operated by the City of Findlay. Major Facilities at the airport include a 6,500 foot primary runway (18-36) with a full parallel taxiway and a 5,883 foot long cross-wind runway (7/25). Other facilities include the City of Findlay as fixed base operator, aircraft storage and fuel (Jet A and 100LL). Findlay Airport supports all types of corporate/executive and private use general aviation activities. The daily responsibilities of safely operating and maintaining a first class general aviation airport include: airport lighting checks and maintenance, winter operations snow and ice control, issuing runway condition NOTAMs, airfield mowing and safety compliance maintenance, general hangar and building maintenance, bird and animal control, overseeing farming operations, the parking and refueling of all types of aircraft, hangar rental and leases, maintenance of inventory items and billing, collecting and processing payments and overseeing all of the maintenance and construction projects on the airport. Airport staff consisted of four full-time employees and one part-time clerk.

These are the highlights for 2016:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

- The airport experienced rather light snow events within the first two months of the year, with the final day of recorded accumulations being April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The remaining months brought nothing but normal operating conditions in way of maintenance and fuel operations.
- Hangar A-1 bi-fold door motor burned out and was replaced.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

- In May an unusual amount of seagulls were observed in transit over and on the airport. One of our based jet tenants had a bird strike during takeoff. To mitigate further operational hazards, we exercised our depredation permit and took down 40 + seagulls. We worked directly with Cooper Tire and Rubber and US Wildlife to find a mutually equitable solution to the issue, as large flocks of seagulls were nesting on the roof of Cooper's plant on Lima Avenue.
- Finished crack sealing taxiway Alpha and Bravo in preparation for new application of on-center lines and hold short blocks during the FY16 FAA grant project.
- Replaced Airport shop man-door and overhead door. The overhead door was upgraded with a motor and remote openers.
- Began planning stages for a May 2017 Airport event honoring military personnel from all branches of the service.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

- Repaired degrading storm water catch basins on the main ramp with the help of the city sewer maintenance department.
- Marathon Petroleum Corporation installed an additional Jet fuel bulk storage tank in late August to meet their fleet's fuel capacity needs.
- Airport fuel office furnace exhaust stack was replaced due to deterioration.
- FY16 FAA grant project for runway 18-36 overlay was awarded but was elected to be pushed to spring of 2017 due to the possibility of a late project start date in the fall of 2016.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

- Lake Cascades geese lights were re-installed for the normal migratory months for the Canada goose. All units were either repaired or replaced before being re-installed.
- Winter operations in November & December were relatively busy with light snow events paired with wintry mix conditions. Prolonged ice coverage with low temperatures caused a one-day complete closure of the airport.

MONTH	JET A GALLONS	100 OCTANE GALLONS	LANDING FEES
January	13,094.00	698.80	12
February	19,819.00	901.60	10
March	19,352.00	2,253.30	13
April	16,325.00	2,687.30	13
May	16,888.00	2,910.70	14
June	19,809.00	2,727.30	16
July	12,455.00	5,963.30	7
August	25,483.00	2,825.30	25
September	18,429.00	2,054.30	14
October	19,219.00	2,160.40	9
November	12,675.00	1,533.40	7
December	12,815.00	764.60	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206,363.00</b>	<b>27,480.30</b>	<b>150</b>

Respectfully submitted,



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