

From the Trustees:

Fire Service:

We are excited and proud to announce the establishment of Groton Fire Department Station #2 at the Oxford Township Garage & Hall on Ransom Rd. The “new” station was opened on Sunday April 15 at 2 PM when Groton placed their pumper #721 in the north bay of the Oxford Township Garage. Placement of this pumper was made possible when Groton Township Trustees, Ron Brown, Roger Rowland, and Roger Russell and Fire Chief Kerry Jett purchased another, refurbished pumper late last year. Over the past few months since January, we have allocated funds from the fire fund to upgrade the north two bays for stationing of a fire truck, with eventual plans for an additional grass fire truck and tanker in the next 1 1/2 – 2 years. Improvements included additional electrical outlets to keep fire equipment batteries charged, additional lighting, an air compressor and lines to keep brake systems charged, new insulated windows, heating (bay was unheated), insulation in the ceiling, painting of walls, epoxy coated non-skid floor, automatic garage door openers, and water supply lines for washing fire equipment. All improvements were made at a cost of less than \$20,000. The additional placement of this station has strategic importance for both townships as it places fire equipment on both sides of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. It also should eventually improve insurance ratings. None of this would be possible without the outstanding support, planning, and cooperation provided by Groton Township Trustees, Fire Chief along with our Oxford Township volunteer firefighters Justin Galloway, Mike Jachym, and Chris Acierto. The plan is for our Oxford firefighters and Bob Holm from Ridgefield Township to man the trucks and leave the station whenever or wherever there is a fire in Oxford or Groton townships. Our thanks and appreciation go out to all of these people and the rest of the Groton Firefighters for their efforts. We will have an open house and fire fighter meet and greet again this fall and announce the date in a later edition of the Messenger.