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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Fire & Emergency Medical Service:

The Groton Township Fire Department is still looking for individuals who are interested in joining the department. In the last year, two Oxford Township residents on the Groton Township Fire Department have moved out of the area and one has retired. The department remains short of its goal of 25 firefighters or more. If you are interested and would like to stop in at a training session at the Groton Township Fire Department on Portland Rd. (2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.), you are more than welcome to do so. Please consider joining the Fire Department as this is a very worthy way of serving the community.

Park:

The Township received a \$10,000 Erie Metro Parks grant to replace the existing aging play set located by the park shelter. Volunteers Zach Leber, Ben Yourkvitch, Road Superintendent David Kelley and the Trustees erected the new set, Imperial Springs, from PlaygroundEquipment.com on October 10th and 11th. New "engineered" mulch must be installed before the play set can be put to use.



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Roadwork, Equipment and Building:

The OMG (Oxford-Margaretta-Groton) road paving crew continued laying asphalt overlay on Thomas Rd. south from Higbee. The OMG crew also laid asphalt on Campbell St. from Taylor Rd. north into Perkins Township. Perkins Township Trustees supplied the material and OMG supplied the equipment and labor for that road. The Norfolk and Southern Railroad grade crossings at Thomas and Ransom were getting rather steep inclines over time and Norfolk Southern would only maintain the grade 30 feet either way of the crossings so the Trustees decided to have the OMG crew build up the grades so that there will be less of an incline and no danger of equipment getting hung up at a crossing. This work completed the asphalt overlay in Oxford Township. Crack sealing was then completed on Livengood Road. Next year plans are to complete Thomas Road and then install an asphalt overlay on Taylor Road or Campbell Street as budget allows.



The Township received the F550 work truck in July on schedule, even though the Ford plants were shut down due to COVID. The 1999 Ford F350 dump truck with utility box will be advertised for sale by sealed bid by the Township Trustees soon. Our 1991 International dump truck is our secondary snow removal truck currently and is due for replacement. We also intend to pass a resolution to replace the 1991 International dump truck with a 2020 Freightliner truck with stainless steel dump box. The new truck will be able to connect to the OMG paving machine,

which the older trucks could not, and will make paving operations more efficient. The 2002 International dump truck will become the secondary truck. The Freightliner will be purchased by lease from Great Lakes Truck Center/Valley Trucks, Monroeville and is in their Monroeville inventory. Neither of these purchases by lease could be possible without the support of residents for the Operating and Fire & Emergency Services levies. The Fire & Emergency Services levy was especially important as it freed up General Fund monies for other uses, such as equipment purchase, maintenance, and the storage building erection. Both truck purchases use the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program. This program reduces the price by about 33-35% from Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price and does not require local government to advertise for bids because the bids were submitted and accepted at the Ohio State level.

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Roadwork, Equipment and Building, Cont.:



The 64" x 88" storage building plans for the Kimball lot were bid out and the contract was awarded to the low bidder, Classical Construction LLC of Apple Creek for the framing and sheet metal. Construction is expected to begin during the first full week in October. Trustees Stewart and Leber (Trustee Parker abstained) awarded the bid for the concrete floor and underground plumbing separately to low bidder Hermes-Parker Concrete in conjunction with Gallagher Plumbing LLC, Huron. David Kelley should be able to start storing equipment in the building in late November or December.

Township Website:

Just for fun and posterity, we will add an Oxford Township History section to the website. We have scanned relevant pages from Peake's History of Erie County circa 1915 and from a reprint of the 1874 Erie County Atlas by the Historic Lyme Village Association (1980). Watch the website for the additions coming soon!

Emerson Creek Wind Farm & Transmission Lines

The Ohio Power Siting Board is moving ahead with hearings and the process for the industrial wind power project. The links on the Township website were updated as the Ohio Power Siting Board had changed their website.

NEXUS Gas Line:

The township has begun receiving revenue for the project. Revenue received is 40% of what NEXUS told us at the beginning of the project. Additionally, County Auditor Rick Jeffrey has advised us that NEXUS appealed the value to 38% of what their own staff originally submitted as the value for the project. Revenue received is about equal to 40% of the original \$186,000 annual income that was originally "promised" which would depreciate to \$0 over 30 years.

Zoning:

This is a reminder that if you are constructing a new building or addition or erecting a wall, fence or pool on your property you should check with Zoning Inspector Phil David to obtain a zoning permit. This is not an all-inclusive list, so if you are in doubt, contact the Zoning Inspector. Phil is available Tuesday evenings at the Township Hall or you may leave a message at 419-359-1735 to have him contact you and arrange for an appointment.

Election 2020:

In Person Voting will be held at Oxford Township Hall with COVID precautions in place.

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PUBLIC WELCOME!

The Trustees meet the
1st and 3rd Thursday of
each month at 7 pm at
the Oxford Township
Complex.

Zoning Office hours
currently are every
Tuesday,
7 pm to 8 pm.



**IN PERSON VOTING
TUES. NOV. 3, 2020
6:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.
OXFORD TWP HALL**

