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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Second Stimulus, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Federal Funds:

STATUS HAS CHANGED:

Initially (as reported last fall):

We reported in last fall's issue that the U.S. Treasury required applicants for funding to meet three very specific requirements: the Township had to prove a loss of revenue (we had none), had to be in a depressed income area due to Covid (the Township didn't meet the criteria as set forth), or had a need and ability to improve infrastructure for clean water & sewer, or broadband (we don't operate a sewer or water department, or contract broadband). Also, we noted that the federal terms and conditions and assurances documents were extensive, difficult to comply with and not worth the expense/risk to sign. Therefore, we withdrew our application for funds.

The Change:

From the Ohio Office of Budget and Management: "U.S. Treasury released their final rule on January 6, 2022, providing significant flexibility for the use of funds. Previously, funds needed to be used for specific purposes provided in the rule to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The final rule added a standard allowance for assumed revenue losses of up to \$10 million. Funds used under the assumed revenue loss category can be used for most general government services, and do not need to tie back to the pandemic or the other eligible use categories. This means that your government entity could use your full allocation toward typical general government expenditures such as road paving, payroll, parks and recreation needs, facility renovations, vehicles, equipment, etc. Local governments have until December 31, 2024, to obligate funds and until December 31, 2026, to fully spend the funding. In addition, the Treasury has communicated minimal reporting requirements when using funds for revenue loss."

Based on the change above, Oxford Township re-applied and has received the first of two, \$61,094 payments. Projects to be implemented with use of funds will be discussed later in this newsletter. If this all seems a bit confusing to you in the way the fund applications were rolled out, it was for us too. Fortunately, our State Budget and Management staff and Ohio Township Association staff kept on top of changes and kept us informed. **Continued next page**

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One-time Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Grant Opportunity:

ODOT provided townships an opportunity to apply for a grant from their One-Time Township Stimulus Program. The total amount of program funding available statewide was \$8 million. Funding limits per project were set at \$250,000. We applied for replacement of three culverts and re-pavement of Taylor Road, four applications. The grant applications were scored by ODOT staff but did not score high enough for Oxford to receive a grant.

County Commissioners Funds:

Last year, the Board of Erie County Commissioners voted (resolved) to transfer funds from the Erie County Engineer's budget, in the sum of \$1,000,000 to be used for Erie County township road maintenance and improvements. The Commissioners sent us a letter that they had set aside \$111,111 for Oxford Township to be used in 2022. The other eight townships received a similar letter for the same amount. We agreed to enter into an agreement with the Commissioners to use the funds for road maintenance this year and sent them a letter expressing our appreciation.

Projects:

Based on the increased revenue from ARPA funds and the possibility of receiving additional funds from County Commissioners, Township Trustees plan on implementing the following projects:

- Repave Taylor Rd - using Commission funds, bid, but will probably use in-house labor and equipment, as it will probably be less expensive. Note that follow-up cleaning and inspection with cameras determined that three culverts we intended to replace is not necessary at this time and only catch basin work will be performed as time and funds permit.
- Repave Higbee Rd at curves
- Repave Campbell St. (Taylor to Mason)
- Chip Seal Harris Rd. - using normal budget, contract through County
- Purchase Yanmar mini excavator sharing cost with Groton and Margareta to be used in burials at cemeteries and for culvert, ditch maintenance work etc.
- Repave Township Hall Parking Lot - in-house labor and equipment or ARPA funds
- Chip Seal the following roads with Commission funds or ARPA funds:
 - *Delamatre Rd, *Loverslane Rd, *Schaefer Rd, *Higbee Rd

This list may change depending on funds and costs (which are escalating rapidly).

Road Superintendent (David Kelley) :

Snow removal proceeded well with help from Scott Didion, Brian Smith, Travis Heuser, and Josh Kramb. Dave, Scott, Brian, and Travis ran the plow and Josh pushed back snow with Groton Township's grader. The ability to share equipment among Oxford, Groton, and Margareta Townships is much appreciated and very beneficial.

This spring, drain tile will be added to the ball field so that it dries out more quickly after heavy rains. This will allow more frequent use of the field. Margareta Township personnel will assist with their mini trencher and tractor. A catch basin was just installed with the use of the new Yanmar mini excavator and thanks to Enterprise Hill Farm, it will be tied into their drainage system.

Some of the roads to be chip sealed will require cutting of berm prior to chip seal to prevent ponding of water on the edges.

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Recycle: Tire and recycle event will be held Saturday June 4th, 8-11 a.m. at the Township Building 11104 Ransom Road. Once again, tires will be recycled as well as appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, washer, dryers, etc. **No TVs or Monitors!!!**

Zoning (Phil David):

Reminder that new construction, additions, pools, fences, etc. are subject to zoning regulations.

Contact the Zoning Inspector in person at the Township Hall Tuesdays 6:30-9 p.m. or leave a message at 419-359-1735 to obtain a zoning permit.

Residential and commercial building inspections, when required, are conducted by Huron Township Building Department staff under contract with Oxford Township. To obtain a building permit contact Tammy Boos 419-433-2755 Fax 419-433-8347 email tboos@hurontwp.org.

Fire and Emergency Services (Chief Kerry Jett):

I am still looking for Firefighters for the Oxford Twp Station. If you would like to serve your community and neighbors, PLEASE give me a call, or meet with us on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. of each month at the Groton Twp Station - 9414 Portland Road. I can cover the requirements to be a Volunteer Firefighter. Thank you, Kerry D. Jett, Fire Chief - Groton Township Fire Department.

NASA Neil Armstrong Test Facility - Oxford Township:

Often overlooked or unknown is that the landmark for the Sandusky NASA facility known as the Space Environments Complex, is located within Oxford Township. This complex is located south of Sheid Rd, west of Columbus Ave, and east of Taft Rd within NASA.

The Space Environments Complex (SEC) is home to four space-dedicated testing laboratories that assess stresses during liftoff, flight and extended missions from vibration and sound, electromagnetic radiation, and the general impacts of continued exposure to a hard vacuum.



- The SEC's **Space Simulation Vacuum Chamber** is the world's largest, and features all-aluminum construction, including a removable, reconfigurable cryo-shroud for background heating and cooling. The chamber measures 100 ft. in diameter and is 122 ft. high.
- The **Reverberant Acoustic Test Facility** is the world's most powerful spacecraft acoustic test chamber and can simulate the noise of a launch up to 163 decibels or as loud as the thrust of 20 jet engines.
- The **Mechanical Vibration Facility** is a dedicated spacecraft-shaker system, subjecting test articles to the rigorous conditions of launch. It is the world's highest capacity and most powerful spacecraft shaker system.
- The **Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility (EMI/EMC) Test Facility** is the world's largest, capable of hosting a wide range of full-scale inter-system and intra-system electromagnetic tests.

Other rocket, space facilities and testing occurs at locations within Perkins Township. Plum Brook Station was renamed the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility on December 30, 2020.

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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.

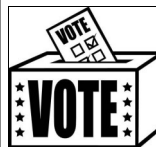
Zoning Office hours
currently are every
Tuesday,
7 pm to 8 pm.



OXFORD TWP GARAGE SALE
May 20-21, 2022

Please contact Rose Martin at
rosemartin32261@gmail.com
to be added to the sale list.

*The future annual Oxford Twp garage sale
weekends will be the
weekend before Memorial Day weekend.



**PRIMARY
ELECTION
DAY**

Tues. May 3, 2022
Don't Forget to Vote!

HELP WANTED!

**Oxford Twp is looking to hire
part-time summer help
20 hours a week,
drivers license required**

Contact Dave Kelley at 419-656-4502