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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Retirement & Hiring Announcement: David Kelley is retiring after 32 years as the "face of the township"! David says he appreciates all the cooperation extended by residents over his career, thanks them, and states it has been a pleasure working for them. The road superintendent is on call 24/7 and Dave was called out countless days to set out road flooding signs, clear tree limbs, reset stop signs as well as for snow and ice removal. He was instrumental in setting up the three townships, Oxford -Margaretta - Groton, work team that has saved all three townships considerable funds due to efficiency practices. For over three decades, he has given precious advice to the Board of Trustees, making their decisions and job much easier. The Trustees, past and present, thank him for his many years of outstanding service to the community! David's last official day of work is May 31st. In retirement, he plans to continue farming and will enjoy spending more time with his wife, Gwen, and his daughter, Kristina, and future son-in-law.



The Trustees are pleased to announce that David is being replaced by Andy Dunlap. Andy was hired part-time this past fall and promoted to full-time effective April 1st. Andy, his wife, Kristen, and their daughter and son, Kylie and Sean, reside at

12298 Ransom Road, Monroeville. Andy is a Monroeville High School graduate and has over 20 years of road maintenance and construction experience. He most recently worked for Kokosing and also worked for Precision Paving. He has the required

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Retirement & Hiring Announcement Cont.:

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and has operated snow removal equipment with his father Tim for many years. In his spare time, he has bought, and renovated houses, demonstrating many talents. He is looking forward to many years serving the residents of Oxford Township in the same manner as his predecessor.

*Trustees will hold an Open House on Wednesday May 31st from 9a.m.-11a.m. If any township resident would like o stop and wish Dave well in his retirement.

Road Work:

More great news for the Township from the Erie County Commissioners again this year! The Commissioners have agreed to fund road work for Oxford Township up to an estimated amount of \$125,336.00. That amount is estimated for the chip seal of:

• Thomas Rd Strecker Rd. to Mason Rd.	\$28,246.00
• Livingood Rd.	\$23,695.00
• Higbee Rd.	\$31,815.00
• Schaefer Rd.	\$6,708.00
• Ransom Rd Strecker Rd. to Mason Rd.	\$34,872.00
	\$125,336.00

The amount provided by the Commissioners is about double our normal budget and will, once again, be about triple the work we do in a year. The funds will allow us to catch up to the engineering standards of chip seal of roads every 7 years. The Trustees all met the Commissioners in a regular open County Commission meeting in March to give them a "thank you" from Oxford Township residents.

In addition, the Trustees plan to pave Portland Rd. from Harris Rd. to the township line with a 2" overlay using Township funds. This will likely be done using "in-house" labor with the OMG (Oxford-Margaretta-Groton) Team after reviewing bids.

Wind & Solar:

As reported last issue, the Trustees voted to send a letter to the Erie County Commissioners requesting that the township be part of any "restricted zone" for any further industrial wind and solar development that the Commissioners are allowed to designate according to recently passed law. The County Commissioners have not passed a resolution yet, but they did send an emissary (Erie Regional Planning Director, Tim King) to the Erie County Township Association meeting in March to determine what the general consensus was among the townships for creating a "restricted zone". Trustees representing seven of the Erie County townships (Huron, and Florence township representatives absent) were in unanimous favor for a "restricted zone." Mr. King said he would report back to the Commissioners. Meanwhile, the court case for Emerson Creek wind project in Erie, and Huron Counties is still in deliberation by the Ohio Supreme Court, while the solar project in western Groton Township is in groundbreaking stage.

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Building Improvement:

Some of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) were used to contract the installation of an internal wall and insulation for the Delematre Rd. storage building. The installation will allow heating of a bay for winter storage of our second plow truck or other winter snow removal equipment.



Park:

The Trustees have received an estimate to install roll-up doors in the pavilion that will provide additional shelter and use during inclement or windy weather. We have submitted a grant application to Erie MetroParks to cover some of the cost. We have been highly successful in the past in receiving funds from the MetroParks and hope to succeed again this year.

Zoning (Phil David):

As a reminder new construction, additions, pools, fences etc. are subject to zoning regulations. The Zoning inspector is personally 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 Volunteer 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 at 6:30 p.m. of each month at the Groton Twp. Station – 9414 Portland Road. I can review the requirements to be a Volunteer Firefighter.

Hope to see you and thank you! - Kerry D. Jett, Fire Chief - Groton Township Fire Department

Note: The Trustees thank Chris Acierto, Justin Galloway, Matt Newland, and Bobby Holmes for volunteering to man Groton Twp Station 2 in Oxford Township when needed. We also thank Marty and Amanda Thompson for enrolling in the firefighter training program.

Recycle:

Tire and recycle event will be held Saturday June 3rd, 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!!!**



PRIMARY ELECTION IS TUESDAY MAY 9TH!!!

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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 19-20, 2022

Please contact Rose Martin at rosemartin32261@gmail.com by Mon May 15th to be added to the sale list. Please include dates and times of your sale

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



The Oxford Hustlers 4H group invites you to Mark your calendars! Erie Co Fair Aug 8th-13th, 2023

"There is no place like our fair"

Join them for the amazing fair food, cheer at the grandstands and see their hard work in the animal and project barns!

Also contact the Erie Co. OSU Extension office if you know of a youth that would like to have fun and join 4H!