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Trustee meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Oxford Township Complex

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Road Work: The Erie County Commissioners provided Erie County townships funding for road work for the 4th year in a row. Funding amount for Oxford Township was slightly over $128,000 and is more than double what the Township normally budgets. Final billings are not complete but in total with County and Township funds, about $190,000 will be spent on Oxford Township roads this year.

The Oxford-Margaretta-Groton team paved Oxford's small portion of Kelley Rd, a part of Higbee Road, Shaefer Rd. and Peru Center Rd. Striping of the roads was also completed this fall. Uder contract with the Erie County Engineer's office, a contactor performed chip seal on Thomas Rd. from Bryan to SR 113. This was performed using recycled stone from pavement grindings. The Engineer, Trustees and residents are pleased with the results as there was no dust and little stone carryover from use of recycled stone. The asphalt on the recycled stone appears to help with binding and dust reduction. We intend to use this method in the future. Mr. Dunlap, with OMG team assistance, completed the installation of up-to-date road signs on township roads courtesy of a state grant of $38,000.

Bloomingville Cemetery:

A grant application for $5000 was submitted to the Erie County Solid Waste Division for a fence made of recycled plastic. It was accepted and installation is in process by contract. Also, a grant was submitted to the State by the Fiscal Officer for headstone straightening and repair and it was accepted. Work was completed by contract under Mr. Dunlap's supervision. The planned paving of the drive was postponed until next year.

Park:

A grant from Erie MetroParks provided funding for half of the cost of a new roof and metal ceiling installation for the park shelter. Work was completed by contract.

Township Hall:

A recent change in Ohio law allowed Erie County to use lodging tax for local infrastructure. Erie County Commissioners, in collaboration with Greater Sandusky Partnership, Lake Erie Shores and Islands and business leaders formed EPIC (Economic Development, Public Infrastructure, and Community). The Trustees applied for and received a $25,000 grant from EPIC for upgrading the access to the building to the latest American Disabilities Act requirements. Work will cost in excess of $45,000 and will begin after November 3rd. Work will include installing wider access to the main meeting room, installation of automatic handicap doors and handicap access to restrooms.

Township Property in Kimball:

Surveying is complete. Trustees plan to clear the brush and weeds from the lot. Suggestions from township residents for use of the property are welcome.

Zoning & Building

Andy Dunlap is available Monday – Friday 7:00-3:30 and available by appointment after non-business hours for Zoning information. You may schedule an appointment or refer questions by contacting his cell 419-357-2493, office phone 419-359-1447 or email him at oxfordzninsp@yahoo.com. Zoning permits may now be downloaded from the website at https://oxfordtownshipohio.com. The entire Zoning Resolution can now be viewed or downloaded from the township website.

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 at 419-433-2755, Fax 419-433-8347 or email at tboos@hurontwp.org.

The Zoning Commission will be meeting periodically to consider upgrades to the zoning resolution. Andy has reviewed the resolution with the Erie Regional Planning Director and will submit recommendations to the Zoning Commission. Simplified, any changes require going through a public hearing, Zoning Commission approval, another hearing then Trustee approval.

Emergency Services

A review of ambulance service with Perkins personnel in early July determined that there were no issues with the contract and services. No changes in the contract are deemed necessary after the first 6 months of services and Oxford township Trustees support continuing service with Perkins Township. Worthy of note is that the contract negotiations between Fisher-Titus Medical Center and the rest of the area served by North Central EMS are still in negotiation. Six Townships from Huron County appear to be unwilling to sign any agreement and may go without any ambulance service. The rest of the townships, including Berlin, Milan, and Groton, Bellevue, Norwalk, other Huron County Townships and the Tri-Community district are willing to sign a contract that has an increase that was negotiated.

APEX Industrial Wind Power Project:

Installation is started and continues in earnest. The Sheriff's Department, Erie County Engineer and Highway Department personnel and road Superintendent Andy Dunlap are closely monitoring use of roads for any possible damage caused by construction.

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.

Newsletter

Due to costs of printing, folding, and postage beginning with the fall edition, the newsletter is only available on the website or via email. A few hard copies will be available in the township hall foyer. To make sure you're on the email list, submit your email address to Kathy Leber, oxfordmessenger@aol.com. Please monitor your spam folders. If you have any announcements that you would like to include in the Messenger, please contact Kathy Leber.

~Blessing Box~

"Take what you need, Leave what you can"

Our Township's Blessing Box is located in
the parking lot of St. John's UCC
At 8812 Thomas Road, Monroeville, Ohio
(the corner of Thomas and Mason Roads)

A Blessing Box is a small community supported outdoor pantry that provides a place for people to donate and access essential items. The blessing box may be stocked with any non-perishable items that may be a blessing to a neighbor in need. You are welcome to come and take what you need or leave what you can.

