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FROM THE TRUSTEES

Announcements: Trustee Stewart served the Township for 30 years and was present and honored for his honorable and faithful service by a ceremony during regular session March 7, 2024. We deeply mourn his recent passing.

Trustees Leber and Parker are pleased to announce the selection and appointment of Brian Miller as Oxford Township Trustee. Brian was selected from a field of eleven fine candidates that submitted resumes and were interviewed. He was appointed by the Trustees and sworn in by Erie County Municipal Court Judge C.J. Kamm at a regular session at the Township Hall on March 21, 2024. Brian owns and operates a trucking firm, farms with his father and lives on Livengood Road with his wife Renae.

Trustees welcome Melissa Pelletier as Fiscal Officer. Her term began April 1, 2024. Melissa is deeply committed to serving Oxford Township and is dedicated to fulfilling her campaign pledges. She is focused on fostering community growth, maintaining transparent financial practices, and achieving tangible results. We're excited to see the positive impact she will undoubtedly make during her tenure.

The following vacancies were filled for zoning boards' membership:

Zoning Commission - Madalyn Thayer

Zoning Appeals Board - Josh Kring, and Jason Dulaney

Zoning & Building:

Andy Dunlap was assigned additional duties and appointed as zoning inspector effective April 1st. He is available Mon-Fri 7a-3:30p and available by appointment during non-business hours.

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Building Improvement:

The Delematre Rd. building now has heat in the north bay and Andy Dunlap has built a work bench along the north wall. The building was effectively used for maintenance and repairs for the Oxford-Margaretta-Groton paving machine this winter. The paving machine was repaired by Andy and Matt Sufer of Margaretta Twp. The paver needed routine burner cleaning, a new clutch, drive shaft, and bearings.

The Trustees approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to partially fund installation of metal siding on the north, west and south sides of the Township Hall, Garage, and Fire Station building. Two bids were received, and contractor Telamon Construction was selected, and installation began in April. The winning bid was \$40,219; 2/3 will be funded from ARPA funds and 1/3 will come from the Fire and Rescue fund to cover the fire department bays. The decision to install siding was made due to the need to prevent water intrusion primarily in the west and south walls. Water penetration into the walls was causing paint to fail in the interior. Instalation of metal siding is also anticipated to reduce maintenance costs.

A new 26K W Kohler generator was installed to replace the Generac that failed during the brief, but heavy, snow in early 2023. Insurance will cover half of the \$13,850 cost.

Lastly, the township building and property now has 24 hr. security video surveillance cameras installed.

Park:

The Trustees submitted a grant application to Erie MetroParks for \$5,550 partial cost to replace an aging slide that has repaired cracks in it and the old basketball hoop. The total cost quoted by PlayGround World of Avon is \$11,238.99.

Trustees are also submitting a grant application to the Erie County Solid Waste Management District (ECSWMD) for the cost of replacement picnic benches for the shelter. ECSWMD gives out grants to townships for the purchase cost of replacing equipment with new replacements if they are entirely made of recyclable material.

The corner rollup doors on the shelter have paint failure and will be removed, stripped and repainted by the contractor that installed them at no cost. The doors were installed last year and partially funded by the Erie MetroParks grant.

Trustees voted to purchase additional ball field infield soil due to settling and to improve absorption after rain. The field is reserved 6 nights a week this season.

Any township residents who wish to reserve the park and shelter, or any teams that wish to reserve the field for league play or practice can contact Andy Dunlap at 419-357-2493.

Fire and Emergency Services (Chief Kerry Jett):

Kerry Jett has been appointed to a full time position as Fire Chief for Margaretta Township. He is transitioning into the position as current Margaretta Fire Chief Tom Johnson is retiring soon. Kerry also currently retains volunteer fire department fire chief position for Groton Township.

Chief Jett is 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

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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 17-18, 2024

Please contact Rose Martin at
rosemartin32261@gmail.com
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.**

Township Tire & Appliance Recycle Day

Saturday June 1, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Open to Oxford Township Residents ONLY
Proof of Residency is Required

The Township Garage is under 24 Hr
Surveillance, residence dropping items outside of listed
hours will be held responsible for cost of removal.

***Absolutely NO Early or Late Drop Offs!**

No items will be accepted outside of listed hours

Drop off items accepted include:

- 1) Tires
- 2) Appliances
- small appliances, refrigerators, freezers, air condi-
tioners, propane tanks (up to 100lb bottles)
- 3) Digital Equipment
- computer towers, printers, flat monitors, laptop, note-
books, flat screen TVs only (*no older tube style or
Projection Screens accepted)

We will also have limited truck space for non-
recyclable items such as couches, chairs, mattresses etc.
When trucks are full, we will be unable to accept addi-
tional furniture items. The Trustees reserve the right to
refuse any non-recyclables or refuse that is not listed.
No burn barrels or bags of household trash.