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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' memberbership:

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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You may schedule an appointment or refer questions by contacting his cell 419-357-2493, office phone 419-359-1447 or email oxfordzninsp@yahoo.com. Zoning permits may now be downloaded from the website at oxfordtownshipohio.com. The entire Zoning Resolution can now be viewed or downloaded from the township website also.

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.

Road Work:

The Erie County Commisioners requested that the 9 county townships submit any road work projects for consideration for funding by the county again this year. Township Trustees submitted a request for and were granted funding from the Erie County Commissioners to chip seal & stripe the following roads:

• Wood Rd (Ransom Rd to Patten Tract Rd)	\$56,337.75
• Huber Rd.	\$11,473.00
• Bryan Rd.	\$28,325.50
• Ransom Rd. (Mason Rd. to Scheid Rd)	\$15,438.50
• Ransom Rd Strecker Rd. to Mason Rd.	\$3,372.00
	\$114,946.75

In addition, the Oxford-Groton-Margaretta road crew will asphalt overlay Thomas Rd from Bryan Rd to Strecker Rd and asphalt pave 400 ft of Taft Rd. off of Mason. If you see Commissioners Steve Shoffner, Matt Old or Pat Shenigo, you might like to thank them for helping reduce a backlog of road work that could not otherwise be done.

Wind & Solar:

The court case before the Ohio Supreme Court was decided in favor of the APEX Emerson Creek wind project in Erie and Huron Counties. Therefore, we can expect construction to proceed on that project. The impact on State, County, and Township roads in our area will be significant. County and Township road use for the project in Erie County will be governed by a Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) that APEX must enter with the Erie County Engineerm Jack Farschman. Temporary roads (such as at the intersection of SR 113 and Ransom Rd) will have to be constructed to accommodate the large, long equipment required to transport wind turbine parts. All roads damaged during construction will require reconstruction to at least as good or better than current conditions per the RUMA.

Meanwhile, Wheatsborough Solar is rapidly constructing the solar electric power generating facility on approximately 600 acres in Groton Township by the intersection of Portland Rd and SR 269.

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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. Installation 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 conditioners, propane tanks (up to 100lb bottles)
- 3) Digital Equipment
- computer towers, printers, flat monitors, laptop, notebooks, 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, matresses etc. When trucks are full, we will be unable to accept additional 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.