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FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are grateful for the \$111,111 set aside by the Erie County Commissioners for Oxford Township road work this year (the other 8 townships were allocated the same amount). We have submitted approximately \$81,000 for material used by the Oxford, Margareta, Groton (OMG) road crews to pave and berm Taylor Rd. and Campbell St., our roads that were in the worst condition. When received, we will also submit our bill for reimbursement of the remaining balance of \$111,111 from the county for tar and chip of Lovers Lane, Delamatre, and Harris Rds. That bill will be over \$50,000. The Erie County Commissioners also plan to appropriate money for township road work in 2023, although it may be allocated differently depending on each township's needs. As part of the agreement with the Commissioners for 2023, we are working on and will submit a road work plan for 2023 to the them.



Pictures from paving Taylor Road

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The American Recue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) were used to purchase 1/3 of a Yanmar mini excavator to be used at Oxford, Margaretta, and Groton Township cemeteries. It will also be used for roadside ditch and drainage work. Additional ARPA funds were allocated to repaving the township hall parking lot that was last paved over 20 years ago.

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 letter says in part:

“A resolution designating a restricted area prohibiting the construction of utility facilities, if adopted by the board of county commissioners, becomes effective thirty days after the date of its adoption, unless, within thirty days after the adoption, there is presented to the board of county commissioners a petition, signed by a number of registered electors residing in the county equal to not less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in that county at the most recent general election at which a governor was elected.”

Projects currently approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board are “grandfathered” and unaffected by this law **unless** the developer or utility owner decides to expand beyond the original permit. Thus, in our county further expansion within or beyond Groton and Oxford Townships would be covered by the bill. Also, **any** new projects can be restricted in accordance with the new law. We note that the restriction only applies to utility facilities of 50 megawatts or more.

The Oxford Township Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of Oxford Township that Oxford Township be designated as a “restricted area” as the new law will permit local control by residents within Erie County. We therefore request that the Board of Erie County Commissioners designate Oxford Township as a “restricted area” or include it in a restricted area in accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 52 as signed into law.”

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Road Superintendent (David Kelley) :

Two new very hard to find drive tires were purchased last year for our 1953 Galion grader with the help of township resident Mitch Nickoli. This allowed us to put the grader back in service this year. The grader starts and runs well and was used to cut berm on the roads prior to tar and chip. Tim Dunlap helped with the berm cutting.

The ball diamond drainage was improved with the installation of additional drain tile and a catch basin. The new mini excavator was used on the project and Margaretta personnel helped with installation. Heyman farms allowed us to tie into existing drainage. The ball field can now be used much sooner after rain.

Drainage was also improved along the Higbee Rd curves where water laid along the road and contributed to road deterioration.

Road salt purchase for this year is \$53 per ton with contract through the County Engineer/ Highway Department. That is much less than previous years where it got as high as \$75 per ton. We normally use about 175 ton.

Zoning (Phil David):

As a reminder new construction, additions, pools, fences etc. are subject to zoning regulations. The Zoning inspector personally at the Township Hall Tuesdays 6:30-9PM 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.

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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.



**SAUSAGE
& PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

to Benefit the Groton Township Fire Dept.

**Sunday, November 6th
7:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Come and eat!

**Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Hash Browns and Beverage**

**Groton Township Hall
9414 Portland Road, Castalia**

Donation:

**Adults: \$8; Children 12 & under: \$5
3 yrs and under: Free**

*(The Groton Township Fire Department is the
responding fire department for
Oxford Township!)*



*Don't Forget to vote!
Tuesday
November 8th
Election Day*