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FROM THE TRUSTEES

*** Beginning in June of 2025 Trustee meetings will be once a month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7p.m. ***

Road Work:

The township roads suffered more damage than usual due to this winter's deeper freeze-thaw cycles. Our Road Superintendent Andy Dunlap prepared a road repair plan that the Trustees submitted to the Erie County Engineer and Erie County Commissioners. After review of the estimates by the Erie County Engineer, we may be required to receive bids on some of the work, as the estimates may be over the threshold that requires bidding by Ohio Revised Code. We will review the bids when they come in and we believe our estimates using the Oxford-Margaretta-Groton (O-M-G) road crew will be more cost effective.

The work planned is as follows:

- Huber Road - paving, striping and stone on shoulder, internal estimate with township's crew \$72,015
- Lovers Lane Road - paving, striping and stone on shoulder, internal estimate with township's crew \$94,170
- Higbee Road (at S curve) - paving, striping and stone on shoulder, internal estimate with township's crew \$15,505

The Huber Rd work would be paid out of Township funds, and the remainder is requested from any funds that can be provided by the County Engineer and County Commissioners. In addition, as much crack sealing as can be afforded will be performed on numerous roads.

Bloomington Cemetery:

Road Superintendent Andy Dunlap proposed installing a drive at the cemetery. His proposal included adding the originally planned drive on the cemetery map and constructing a U-shaped drive for ease of access and safety. The drive was laid out and recorded on the cemetery map in 1810. Trustees approved the

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Bloomington Cemetery Cont.:

plan for the drive, and the crew completed the stone base installation. Paving will be completed next spring after allowing a year for the stone to settle. The recently purchased O-M-G mini-excavator and roller were used on the job.



Park:

The Trustees submitted a grant application to Erie MetroParks for \$6,300, the full cost to replace the 25+ year old swing set. If the grant is received, the swing will be purchased from and installed by PlayGround World of Avon, the provider of the other playground equipment. Trustees also received a grant from the Erie County Solid Waste Management District (ECSWMD) for 100% of the cost of replacement of the dugout benches and recycled “engineered” mulch for the playground. ECSWMD will pay for the benches and mulch made of recycled material. The Trustees and Road Superintendent have selected 100% recycled plastic benches like the picnic tables purchased with a grant last year. The current benches are warped and splintered.

Any township residents wishing to reserve the park and shelter, or teams wishing to reserve the field for league play or practice can contact Andy Dunlap at 419-357-2493. The ball field has already been reserved 3 nights a week this season.

Equipment:

Trustees reviewed the status of our three trucks and determined that the 2002 International dump needed replacement. It was determined that we would downsize the fleet to two trucks to reduce capital and maintenance costs in the long term while maintaining the same snow removal capability level. Trustees decided to purchase a 2025 Ford F550 gas engine truck chassis and mount it with the toolbox and dump box from the 2020 F550. The 2025 F550 will have a salt spreader and plow unit installed. The new F550 chassis was received, Andy and his father Tim removed and installed the tool and dump boxes off the old F550, and the salt spreader was fitted. The plow unit will be installed as soon as the vendor fits it into his schedule. The old 2002 dump truck will be sold by closed bid to the highest bidder (see below for details). The new truck chassis cost approx. \$65,000 and was purchased using the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Department, Cooperative Purchasing Program. The salt and snow equipment cost approx. \$24,000. We sold the old chassis on Gov Deals for \$36,000, so the total cost for the F550 was far less than the cost of another dump truck, which was estimated at \$215,000.

The road superintendents from Oxford, Margaretta, and Groton recommended to the respective boards for trustees that a used articulated road roller be purchased at a reasonable cost from Erie Blacktop. The O-M-G paving crew will use the roller. The price for each township would be \$5,000. Each board of trustees approved the purchase. As it articulates, this roller is more maneuverable and useful for compacting tight radius curves, driveway aprons, and around mailboxes. Both rollers can still be used on paving projects. Trustees also authorized Andy to purchase a ballfield drag to prepare the infield for better play.

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2002 International Diesel Dump Truck for Sale:

Oxford Township dump Truck for sale by sealed bid. Salt spreader and plow unit included. Minimum bid is No Reserve, and sealed bids will be taken until 7:00 p.m. on 06/11/2025.

2002 International Dump Truck
49,642 miles on odometer
DT466E Engine
Automatic Transmission
11 foot Gledhill Snow Plow
Swenson Tailgate Spreader
New Rear Tires 2023
New Batteries 2025
Runs and Shifts Great



Mail or Drop off to - 11104 Ransom Road Monroeville, Ohio 44847

Zoning and Building:

Andy Dunlap is available Monday-Friday 7:00a—3:30p and available by appointment during 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 oxfordzninsp@yahoo.com. Zoning permits may now be downloaded for the website at <https://oxfordtownshipohio.com>. The entire Zoning resolution can now be viewed or downloaded from the township website also.

When required, residential and commercial building inspections 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.

From the Fiscal Officer:

Thank you, Oxford Township Residents!

We sincerely appreciate your support in last November's election. Your trust in our initiatives allows our trustees to continue being responsible stewards of your hard-earned tax dollars. Thanks to your vote, we can work toward a stronger, more efficient, and well-managed community. Your commitment to Oxford Township's future is invaluable, and we look forward to serving you with transparency and dedication.

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 at 6:30 p.m. if each month at the Groton Twp. Station - 9414 Portland Road. I can cover the requirements to be a Volunteer Firefighter.

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

Newsletter:

If you wish to get an electronic copy of the newsletter instead of a paper copy via U.S. Mail, advise the editor, Liana Wensink by email at oxfordmessenger@aol.com.

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PUBLIC WELCOME!

The Trustees meet the 1st
and 3rd Wednesday of
each month at 7 pm at
the Oxford Township
Complex.

***See changes in
meetings on pg 1***

Zoning Office hours
M - F 7a-3:30p
or by appointment during
non-business hours,
call Andy Dunlap

Township Tire & Appliance Recycle Day

Saturday June 7, 2025 - 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 and Rims
- 2) Appliances
- small appliances, refrigerators, freezers, air con-
ditioners, 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, mattress-
es 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.

Blessing Box

“Take what you need, Leave what you can!”

Our township now has a blessing box.
It is located in the parking lot of St Johns UCC at
8812 Thomas Rd Monroeville, Ohio 44847
(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.



**OXFORD TWP
GARAGE SALE
May 16-17, 2025**

Please contact Rose Martin at
rosemartin32261@gmail.com
to be added to the sale list. Please include dates
and times of your sale. The deadline to be in-
cluded on the list is Monday, May 12th!