

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Special Meeting to Discuss Township Railroad Crossings and Culverts of the Oxford  
Township Board of Trustees  
Held April 28, 2016 at 10:30 p.m., Page 470

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oxford Township was called to order by Chairman Pittman.

Roll call: Jim Hatten, present; Steve Lewis, present; Ed Pittman, present. Also present: Jim Viers; Aaron Jennings, Captain, Delaware County Ohio; Jeff Stein, CSX Maintainer; George Martin, PUCO Grade Crossing Planner; William Thurston, Oxford Township resident; Charles and Betty Sheets, Oxford Township residents; Mike Lowe, DCEO Traffic Engineer; Doug Riedel, DCEO Township Liaison; Paul Huttlin, Recreation Unlimited; David Hudler, Recreation Unlimited; Stan Haas, R.R.Task Force; Susan Sutherland, Delaware County General Health Planner; Joe Reinhardt, ORDC R.R. Inspector and Linda Thomas, Oxford resident

Per request by the Joe Reinhardt, R.R. Inspector with the ORDC the meeting was moved outside near the railroad crossing on Shoemaker Rd. Mr. Reinhardt announced that it has been approved to put lights and gates at the railroad crossing on Shoemaker Rd. Mr. Reinhardt stated that the state uses a formula to analyze all railroad crossings and this formula put Shoemaker Road crossing in the top thirty that they were looking at across the state. They should receive their estimate contract in 90 days with project completion in eight to no later than fourteen months. Mr. Reinhardt also gave the trustees information regarding a supplemental grant program for up to \$5,000.00 from the PUCO for Ohio Railroad Development. This grant can be used to help upgrade other improvements such as rumble strips. This grant will be discussed by the trustees at the next regular meeting on May 10, 2016.

Paul Huttlin with Recreation Unlimited expressed concerns with safety and if there was enough room for a vehicle to set between the railroad gates and St. Rt. 42. Mr. Reinhardt stated that there would be a side light alerting traffic on St. Rt. 42 of the train and possible stopped traffic. Mr. Reinhardt also said we may use stop signs at the crossing for interim of the project. Doug Riedel said that they have been pulling accident reports to address all the safety issues on St. Rt. 42.

There was continuous conversation with Doug Riedel and the Oxford Township Trustees in regards to the culverts on Shoemaker Road and Wheeler Road. Mr. Riedel stated that the state will assess the cost and charge the township for a portion. The estimate for the township to replace the culvert on Shoemaker Road is \$8,857.28. Pittman asked if any of the funds to replace the culvert could come from the counties Maintenance of the Ditch fees. Mr. Riedel said he would check in to that and get back with us. To get the project started a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Lewis to accept the estimate cost of \$8,857.28 by the County Engineer to replace the culvert on Shoemaker Road. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

This concluded the business for the meeting and a motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Pittman to adjourn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer