

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Trustees
Held June 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Page 690

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Urban County Qualification for Delaware County and to conduct any other township business if necessary of the Oxford Township Board of Trustees.

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

Roll call: James Hatten, present; Steve Lewis, present; Craig Pittman, present.

There was discussion in regards to some of the following information sent by the Delaware County Township Association:

- If a township chooses to opt out, they can decide to join in years 2 and 3.
- The information included in the county’s email mentions HOME funding. According to the HUD website list Delaware County doesn’t receive this funding. The trustees discussed what ESG funding was. According to this website ESG is an “Emergency Solutions Grant that authorizes HUD to make grants ... for use as an emergency shelter for the homeless.” The trustees feel it is very unclear exactly how these programs will affect the township.
- Essential Powers of Urban Counties gives the county legal authority to conduct “essential community development and housing assistance activities” in the unincorporated areas and/or in its participating UGLGs (without consent from UGLGs’ governing bodies). These essential activities include actions like acquiring property for reuse as low-and moderate-income housing, directly rehabilitating or providing financial assistance for housing, supporting low-rent housing activities, disposing of land to private developers for redevelopment, and condemning property for low-income housing.
- It is unclear if townships have any legal obligations or liabilities associated with participating in the Urban County CDBG program, which Delaware County should clarify.
- There was concerns if the townships will be involved in any decision-making related to the administration/award/allocation of the funds.

After further discussion a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Lewis for Oxford Township to be excluded from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Urban County Qualification, Fiscal Years 2025 – 2027. This motion will supersede their original decision made at the Oxford Township Board of Trustees meeting on June 11, 2024 to participate in the CDBG Program, Urban County Qualifications. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the townships Comprehensive Zoning Plan. Trustees feel they should revisit it and possibly make changes in regards to solar panels and Issue II – the legalization of marijuana. This will be discussed with Duane Matlack, Oxford Township Zoning Inspector, at the next regular meeting.

This concluded the business for the meeting and a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Lewis to adjourn. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Approved: _____ Chairman

Attest: _____ Fiscal Officer