

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Trustees
Held May 12, 2026 at 8:00 p.m., Page 738

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oxford Township was called to order by Vice Chairman Leienberger.

Roll call: Randy Leienberger, present; Steve Lewis, absent; Craig Pittman, present. Also present: Duane Matlack, Oxford Township Zoning Inspector, Doug Riedel with the Delaware County Engineer's Office, Ameer Sword, Director of the Wornstaff Memorial Public Library, Ric J. Stranges, Superintendent of Buckeye Valley Local Schools and Ron & Karen Nolting, residents.

Minutes of the April regular meeting were previously read by each trustee and a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Leienberger to approve the minutes as read and presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. The bank statement and the bank reconciliation for April were reviewed and initialed by the trustees.

Financial Report – April 30, 2026, balances Total \$529,840.66
1000 - \$258,709.76 2031 - \$33,163.31 4951 - \$ 2,862.18
2011 - \$ 27,519.55 2041 - \$ 2,431.28 4952 - \$ 1,439.68
2021 - \$186,203.59 2231 - \$17,039.67 9001 - \$ 471.64

Residents Ron & Karen Nolting discussed concerns regarding the property at 8895 US Highway 42 N. They stated there are now three campers on the property with concerns that people are living in them. They are also concerned with the sewage situation. It looks like on April 11, 2026 an old camper was removed and 2 new campers were brought in. Duane Matlack stated that people can stay in a camper on the property for a maximum of 14 days. Duane said he will look in to the situation.

Ric J. Stranges, Superintendent of Buckeye Valley Local Schools introduced himself to the Board. He stated he has been Superintendent of Buckeye Valley Local Schools for three years and discussed his background and where he is from. He wanted to express his concerns on the development in the school district including the I-71 and US 23 corridor. He would like to protect what we currently have from other developments. He stated what the district has now is special and he would like to preserve it.

Ameer Sword, Director of the Wornstaff Memorial Public Library updated trustees on the following:

- Their summer reading program for all ages will start June 1st and run to July 13th.
- Beth Lear, Ohio House of Representatives for District 61 will be visiting the library for a tour on May 21st at 10.00 AM.
- They have joined with the American Legion to make Poppies for Veterans Day. They are crocheting the poppies and will string them together to put around the Village of Ashley. They hope to get veterans to help with this project.
- Gave update on the construction of the library building; The roof is in need of repair.

Doug Riedel with the Delaware County Engineer's Office discussed the OPWC Grant for 2027. He recommends to apply as there is sufficient funds for this grant. He said the paperwork will need filed at the next board meeting and suggested the trustees think about which township road or roads would be good to apply for. He also updated trustees on the current 2026 OPWC grant for Maloney Road. There was discussion regarding a culvert on Maloney Road. Trustees stated the culvert looks fine but the ditch needs grading out for the culvert to work. Doug stated that this was not a county issue but a township issue. The trustees also discussed the right-of-way of the township roads. There are concerns of trees growing too close to the road. Doug stated that the roads in the township have different right-of-way's. Some are 30 feet, 40 feet and 50 feet. Doug suggested to always check with the land owner before removing or trimming any trees. He will check the records on the right-of-ways for Oxford Township roads and get back with the trustees. Trustees also stated that two road signs are down in Oxford Township. One at Smith Road and St. Rt. 229 and the other one at Strine Road and St. Rt. 229. Doug will inform ODOT of the situation.

Abbey Trimble with the Delaware Public Health District updated trustees by email on the following:

- They have set their 2026 Summer Clinic schedule. No appointments are needed. For the schedule and questions call 740-203-2040.
- Free Tire Disposal for Delaware County residents. Saturday, July 18th, 9am-12pm at the Berkshire Middle School and Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 9am-12pm at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Max Limit: 10 passenger tires, rim size 13"-24".
- Your Voice Matters! The Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County has officially launched the 2026 Community Health Assessment. They are asking everyone to take the survey at: go.DelawareHealth.org/Delaware-Resident-Survey. Your input helps shape a healthier Delaware County for everyone. Together, they can identify priorities, address challenges, and build a stronger, healthier future.

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Per a motion made at the April 14, 2026 meeting the following resolution No. 05-2026-03 was presented for adoption: A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES. The tax is for road and bridge expenses at a rate not exceeding 1.2 mills for five (5) years and which the levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.2 mills, commencing with the 2026 tax year, first due in calendar year 2027. A motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Leienberger to adopt resolution No. 05-2026-03. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried and resolution duly passed and adopted. Fiscal Officer Leienberger will present this resolution No. 05-2026-3 to the county auditor for certification.

Duane Matlack, Oxford Township Zoning Inspector updated trustees on the following:

Zoning Permits:

- 4/27/2026 – Jim Moran, 6242 Steamtown Rd.; 320 Sq.’ Pavilion
- 5/07/2026 – Charles & Vicki Stapleton, 2713 Whipple Rd.; 480 Sq.’ Addition to Barn
- 5/08/2026 – Shawn Hambrick, 4981 Shoemaker Rd.; 1800 Sq.’ New Residence

Issued Agricultural Exemptions:

- 5/06/2026 – Zachary Smock, 3189 St. Rt. 229; 8.5 X 40 Building for Livestock

Zoning Violation:

- Strine Road violations are being turned over to the Prosecutors Office for further action. No improvements noted during inspection on 4/13/2026.

Zoning Commission Board:

- The Zoning Commission Board met on 4/15/26 and completed review of the text amendments but had questions for Lee Ann Forgrave, Prosecuting Attorney to check on. Jennifer Necker, Zoning Secretary will complete all draft changes for a final draft. This draft will be looked at during the meeting scheduled for May 26. 2026.

Current bills of \$26,658.97 were presented for approval and payment during May. After review, a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Leienberger to pay same. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. (Cks -12954 - 12978 - \$21,921.51, Vchr. 38 - \$154.41, Vchr. 39 - \$21.50, Vchr. 41 - \$2,802.15, Vchr. 43 - \$1,404.89, Vchr. 44 - \$287.57, Vchr. 45 - \$66.94. A list of these checks and their payees are on file in the fiscal officer’s office.

This concluded the business for the meeting and a motion was made by Leienberger and seconded by Pittman to adjourn. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Approved: _____ Vice Chairman

Attest: _____ Fiscal Officer