

Oxford Township Trustees
Minutes
March 12, 2012

41-12 Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Frimerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Oxford Township Building

Present: Larry Frimerman, John Kinne, Gary Salmon, Police Chief Mike Goins, and
Road Superintendent Dave Hoelle

Absent: Fiscal Office Jim Rowan

Guest: Doug Eliottt, Dick Keebler, Ken Bogard, (all city of Oxford) Greg Wilkens
(Butler County Engineer), Diana Durr (OCVB), J.E. & V.E. Elliott, David & Bonni Neff, G
Coe Potter, Jack & Jane Fryman, Jane Flueckager, Joe Budde, Marsha A. & Jack Haffery,
Steve Gordon, Mike Smith, and Roger Millar

42-12 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Frimerman led the meeting in the pledge of Allegiance

43-12 Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Frimerman asks for any addition to the agenda. Mr. Salmon moved and Mr. Kinne
seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented

Aye: Mr. Salmon., Mr. Kinne, and Mr. Frimerman

Nay: None

Mr. Frimerman declared the motion carried 3-0

44-13 Recognition of the Guests

Annexation

Greg Wilkens, Butler County Engineer said that he is here tonight to discuss the
replacement of the bridge on Bonham Road near Yeager Stadium. In order to build the
least expensive bridge and have the least impact on the nearby properties there needs to
be a speed reduction to 35 MPH on the road. In order to accomplish this speed reduction
the City of Oxford would have to annex some of the territory around the bridge. He has
requested the city to consider this. The new bridge will be about twice as long as the
present one to widen the channel of the Four Mile Creek to decrease the water back up
along and across Bonham Road.

Doug Elliott, Oxford City Manager along with Mayor Richard Keebler and Vice Mayor
Ken Bogard are here tonight representing the city. Mr. Elliott stated that the City of
Oxford is prepared to annex 16 parcels along Bonham Road, 4 owned by the city of

Oxford, 3 owned by Miami University, 5 owned by the Beta Theta Pi Foundation, 3 owned by the Four Valley Conservation Trust and 1 owned by Ellen Buerk Trust. All these parcels are marked on the map he handed out. Since the printing of the map, the city of Oxford and the Four Valley Conservation Trust have reached an agreement and not all of their parcels will be annexed; only the area necessary for the new bridge construction. The Beta Theta Pi Foundation in 1994, when requesting sewer and water service from the city of Oxford entered into an agreement with the City to be annexed into the city whenever the city requested that they do so.

Jack Fryman is concerned that with the raising to the roadway that it will create a dam like effect and could increase the flooding risk along the creek. Greg Wilkens said that by increasing the span of the bridge it will allow the water that presently backs up along the ditches along Bonham Road and Miami's soccer field to go through the widened channel under the bridge.

Coe Potter said that he has lived on Bonham Road since 1941 and there has only been a few times that Four Mile Creek has flooded the road to the point he would consider dangerous and when it did happen it was for a short period of time. He asks Mr. Wilkens how much property had to be annexed to accomplish the needed speed reduction. Mr. Wilkens responded that at this time it would be necessary to annex the two parcels on the east side of the bridge being Howell Park and the old Oxford water works parcel. Mr. Potter then asked the Oxford City Manager why annexing beyond those two parcels and taking in property that will remain in agriculture use. Mr. Elliott stated that the reason to annex beyond the parcels owned by the city of Oxford and Miami University was to receive revenue to offset the cost of the maintenance of Bonham Road. Mr. Potter asks if the farmer tenant will be paying income tax to the city and if the city was receiving income tax from the farmers presently farming property within the city? If this is so, how did the city and the farmer agree on how much was owed since generally the crops raised by the farmer would be co mingled with crop raised outside the city limits? Mr. Elliott said he expected the farmer to pay the income tax and was unsure if the farmers farming land within the city were paying income tax but he assumed they were. Mr. Potter stated that last year when he was an Oxford Township Trustee that in a meeting with Mr. Elliott he had asked the same question and did not get a definite answer. Mr. Elliott said that he misunderstood the question before and would get an answer for Mr. Potter.

Covered Bridge Discussion

Steve Gordon said that with the construction of the covered bridge in Hueston Woods State Park many of the residents on Bonham Road would like to know if this was possible to do this road. His research is that today's covered bridges are engineered to meet all the ODOT requirements and are like the restored covered bridges most people think of. The neighborhood thinks a covered bridge would be an asset for the community and would help attract tourists to the area.

Diana Durr (Oxford Visitors Bureau) felt that a covered bridge would increase tourist especially with the restored Black Covered Bridge and the one in Hueston Woods close by.

Mr. Greg Wilkens said that since Mr. Potter's phone call to him last week he and his staff have done some research into construction of covered bridges and the cost of them. A covered bridge would double the cost of a bridge across Four Mile Creek along with the fact that the road would have to be made straighter and would have more impact on the nearby property owners. He has only \$2.1 million dollars for the project from the Federal and State Governments and a covered bridge would well exceed the budget for the new Bridge. There could be some thing done to help the bridge fit in the area such as some brick work like Miami University does on the sides of the entrances into the bridge.

Marsha Haffey asked Mr. Wilkens if he would be able to meet with the residents of Bonham Road again when the plans for the bridge are more complete. Mr. Wilkens said that he would be in favor of that.

Three Valley Conservation Trust

Roger Millar with Three Valley Conservation Trust said that the Trust had entered into an agreement on an option to purchase of the Fryman Farm north of Oxford. If this happens a farmer will end up with the tillable acres and the Trust with the remainder all under permanent protection. The plan is to create a trail and public path, such a trail may lead to a hiker/bicycle route from Oxford to Hueston Woods State Park and acquiring this property would help this happen.

45-12 Approval of the Minutes of February 7, 2012

Mr. Frimerman asks if there were any correction or additions to the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting. Mr. Salmon said that on page five 38-12 Mr. Frimerman should be Mr. Kinne and with that correction he moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Kinne seconded the motion.

Aye: Mr. Salmon, Mr. Kinne

Nay: None

Mr. Frimerman abstained since he did not attend the meeting

Mr. Frimerman declared the motion carried 2-0-1

46-12 Approval of Fiscal Officers Items

Mr. Salmon presented the Financial Reports in the absentness of Jim Rowan. He reviewed the reports with Mr. Rowan prior to the meeting. The trustees had no questions about them. Mr. Salmon moved and Mr. Kinne seconded the motion to approve the Financial Reports.

Aye: Mr. Salmon, Mr. Kinne, and Mr. Frimerman

Nay: None

Mr. Frimerman declared the motion carried 3-0

Mr. Salmon presented the Appropriation Modifications requested by Mr. Rowan. All the modifications are in the General Fund. Mr. Salmon moved and Mr. Kinne seconded the motion to approve the Appropriation Modifications.

Aye: Mr. Salmon, Mr. Kinne, and Mr. Frimerman

Nay: None

Mr. Frimerman declared the motion carried 3-0

47-12 Standing Items

Road Department

Dave Hoelle reported that the road crew had been working on roads doing some ditching and cutting of trees in the road right-a-way. They also picked up and returned the voting materials and machines for the City of Oxford and Oxford Township. He has been working with the city's road department on a storage place for the extra salt that was not used this winter.

Police Report

Chief Goins reported that he held the first ever Oxford Township neighborhood watch meeting on March 3 and had a great attendance. His old car has been sold on Govdeals and should be picked up soon. He has applied for the 2012 COPS Grant, and an officer attended a dam safety meeting put on by the EMA.

Committee Reports

Mr. Salmon reported that the Butler County Advisory Board for the EMA met on February 14, 2012 and selected the Executive Board for 2012. The director Jeff Galloway presented a plan to fund the EMA by a real estate levy rather than a per person charge to the townships and cities. He is going to present this to the Commissioners by the end of February.

The CIC did not meet but Mr. Frimerman gave the Trustees a report the 2011 Revolving Fund.

48-12 Other Items

None

49-12 Approval to Pay the Bills

Mr. Kinne moved and Mr. Salmon seconded the motion to pay the bills

Aye: Mr. Kinne, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Frimerman

Nay: None

Mr. Frimerman declared the motion carried 3-0

50-12 Executive Session

None

51-12 Adjournment

Mr. Salmon moved and Mr. Kinne seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm

Aye: Aye: Mr. Salmon, Mr. Kinne, and Mr. Frimerman

Nay: None

Mr. Frimerman declared the motion carried 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Gary R. Salmon
Oxford Township Trustee

Trustee

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Fiscal Officer

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