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Amlin Road Project

In 2019, the Washington Township Board of Trustees solicited proposals from qualified engineering firms for solutions to address the aging stormwater management system located in Amlin, primarily along Rings Road. Land development and seasonal weather patterns created stormwater challenges in this area, and the existing stormwater channels were inadequate to support these changes.

Investigation, planning and engineering of the project occurred throughout 2020, with engineering and cost estimates provided to the Board of Trustees in July 2021. During 2021, the Board of Trustees also sought Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) infrastructure funding towards the cost of this project, ultimately receiving a \$1.5 million grant and loan towards the new stormwater lines and road reconstruction.

Construction of the project occurred during calendar year 2022, and the project was substantially completed in Spring 2023. In addition to the stormwater, curb, and road improvements, the Township also added sidewalks, trees and updated street lighting to make the area more pedestrian friendly and safe. Gateway signs reflecting the historical founding of Amlin have been installed at both the eastern and western entrances of Rings Road through the improvement area.

This infrastructure project had a total estimated cost of \$3 million, not including contributions made by the Franklin County Engineer’s Office who also managed the project. Township funding sources towards the project included a combination of local gasoline tax and general fund dollars.



Change the Clocks, Change the Batteries

Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 5th. As you turn your clocks back one hour, it is the perfect time to also test each of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries. Working smoke alarms save lives cutting the risk of death from a home fire in half.

Fall Lawn Care

(from our friends at Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District, getgrassy.org)

Leaf it on Your Lawn

Grass clippings and leaves return nutrients and organic matter to your lawn and soil, and prevent soil compaction caused by rain and foot traffic. Too many? Instead of bagging them, use excess leaf material in garden beds or add it to your compost bin for a good carbon (“brown”) source. Dead leaves also provide cover for wildlife during the colder months. According to the National Wildlife Federation, “Removing leaves also eliminates vital wildlife habitat. Critters ranging from turtles and toads to birds, mammals and invertebrates rely on leaf litter for food, shelter and nesting material. Many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring.”



Get Your Lawn On

Late summer (between Mid-August and mid-September) is good time for over-seeding thin lawns and filling in bare spots. The soil is still warm for good root development and seeds sprout quickly. Cut the grass as short as possible, and spread seed over a de-thatched or aerated lawn.

Fall is For Fertilization

University research shows that fall is the best time to fertilize, since shorter days and cooler temperatures encourage root growth. The grass will use what fertilizer is available this fall, while the remaining nutrients are frozen in the soil to be used in the spring when the soil warms. Organic fertilizers are typically slow-release and provide some benefits to the soil, while synthetic products are quickly available to the plant and provide immediate growth and greening.

Knox Box

Knox Boxes® are small metal boxes that are specially designed to secure keys to buildings where emergency entry may be required when no one is present to open a door (i.e. after business hours during evenings and weekends).

Having a Knox Box® has its advantages. With rapid key access, entry to the building is faster than forced entry. It is also safer for the first responder and doesn't cause property damage like forced entry can.

While Knox Boxes® may be more common in commercial applications, they can also be quite useful in residential settings. For example, if a resident lives alone and there is a medical emergency, a Knox Box® would allow rapid entry without the resident's assistance. If a resident is away from their home for an extended period, a Knox Box® could be useful if the

Fire Department was called on a fire alarm, gas leak, smoke, a lightning strike, or other emergency that required the house to be checked.

If you think a Knox Box® would be of value to you, call the Fire Department at 614-652-3920 and speak with our Fire Prevention Bureau about how to order a Knox Box®.



How to Protect Yourself from Winter Weather

It can be the most wonderful time of the year celebrating the holiday season with family and friends, but it is also important to be prepared for winter weather. To start, it is important to understand winter weather terminology:

Winter Weather Advisory

Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

Winter Storm Watch

Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

Winter Storm Warning

Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Know Your Risk for Winter Storms

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Listen for emergency information and alerts. Tools available include signing up for ALERT Franklin County (www.alertfranklincounty.org) or maintaining a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio to receive emergency alerts.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

In Case of Emergency

Be prepared for winter weather at home, at work and in your car. Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

- Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, then stay inside.
- Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, then wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Reduce the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when shoveling snow and walking in the snow.

Generator Safety

- Generators and fuel should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and attached garages.
- Install working carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can kill you, your family and pets.
- Keep the generator dry and protected from rain or flooding. Touching a wet generator or devices connected to one can cause electrical shock.
- Always connect the generator to appliances with heavy-duty extension cords.
- Let the generator cool before refueling. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts can ignite.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions carefully.



Financial Report

Combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in balances. This is an unaudited Financial Statement.

Revenue Receipts	Total
Taxes	17,149,275 **
Charges for Services	1,158,796
Licenses, Permits & Fees	76,118
Intergovernmental Receipts	2,014,524
Interest	216,763
All Other Revenue	598,091
Transfers In	274,201
Total Revenue Receipts 2022	21,487,768

Expenditure Disbursements	Total
General Government	838,012
Public Safety	22,413,458
Public Works	916,176
Capital Outlay	1,648,819
Transfer Out	274,201
Total Expenditure Disbursement 2022	26,090,666
Total Receipts Over (Under Disbursements)	(4,602,898)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2022	42,704,738
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2022	38,101,840 *

*Township policy requires an amount equal to 25% of operating expenditures be carried over to the following year to pay bills during the first quarter of the following year. Because townships are funded primarily through real estate and property taxes, the carryover requirement was established to enable the Township to pay bills until the first half tax settlement is received in mid-March. The remainder is reserved to fund future capital projects such as real estate acquisition and replacement of fire trucks and medic vehicles. The Township currently has no debt service obligations.

**For tax collection year 2022, the Board of Trustees suspended the collection of four permanent fire levies representing tax savings of approximately \$3.2 million across all fire levy taxpayers.

Events



Fire Station Open House

October 8, 2023 | 1-4pm

Firetrucks, Station Tours, Demonstrations, Activities

- Station 91 – 6255 Shier Rings Rd.
- Station 92 – 4497 Hard Rd.
- Station 93 – 5825 Brand Rd.
- Station 95 – 5750 Blazer Pkwy.



Poster Contest

Who? Third graders enrolled in Dublin City Schools, Washington Elementary (Hilliard Schools), St. Brigid, Tree of Life, or homeschooled in Dublin or Washington Township.

What? Create a poster which includes the following message, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." Posters will be evaluated based on: (1) creativity incorporating the theme into the poster design, (2) effectiveness at catching the readers' attention.

Why? Enter because it's fun and because prizes will be awarded for the first place and runner up entries from each school and from among all homeschooled students. Award recipients and their family members will be invited to an awards ceremony on October 8.

How? Use one 12" X 18" sheet of paper and any medium you desire (pencils, crayons, paint, chalk, etc.) to create a cool, one-of-a-kind poster design that attracts attention and conveys your message. Supply your own paper or get some from your third grade teacher or at 6200 Eiterman Road.

When? Entries must be submitted at the entrant's school or at 6200 Eiterman Road by 4 p.m. September 25, 2023. All entries must have the following legible information on the poster's reverse side in order to be eligible: Student's first and last name, school name (or home address, if homeschooled), teacher's name (or parent's name, if homeschooled).



Toy Drive to Benefit Firefighters 4 Kids December 1-22

We're collecting new, unwrapped toys at our four fire stations for Firefighters 4 Kids. Drop your donations off any time between December 1st and the 22nd at 6255 Shier Rings Rd., 4497 Hard Rd., 5825 Brand Rd., and 5750 Blazer Parkway. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Drive Thru Toy Drive December 9, 10am-2pm @ Station 91

Supporting the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive is easy and sweet. Drive through the equipment bay at Fire Station 91 (6255 Shier Rings Rd.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 9 and get a sweet treat while firefighters unload your donations.

Classes

Infant CPR for Expecting & New Parents

If you are expecting or adopting a child, have a newborn at home, or will be babysitting your new grandchild, this class is for you. React quickly with the knowledge and skills that can help a baby if they are choking or need CPR. Although this is an American Heart Association course, you will not receive a completion card. Our certified car seat technician will offer tips on securing your child's car seat.

Ages: 18 and up

Date: Monday, November 6

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: Free

Red Cross Babysitting

This course educates young individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This class helps participants develop the leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, help children behave, and learn about basic child care. Please bring a lunch to class.

Ages: 11-15

Date: Saturday, November 4 or January 27

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$45 (Township/Dublin residents), \$50 (non-residents)



Free CPR

This course is for anyone who wants to learn CPR, but does not need a course completion card to meet a job requirement. It's ideal for community groups, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and students. Topics include:

- Adult, child and infant CPR and AED.
- How to help a choking adult, child, and infant.

Ages: 12 and up

Date: Wednesday, October 11

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: Free

CPR for Healthcare Provider Certification

This course is specifically designed for those who work in the healthcare field. Topics include recognizing several life-threatening emergencies, providing CPR, using an AED and relieving choking in a safe, timely and effective manner.

Ages: 12 & up

Date: Wednesday, October 18

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)

Register at wtwp.com

CPR & AED Certification

Learn CPR and how to use an automatic external defibrillator, or AED. Developed by the American Heart Association, this class addresses pediatric and adult CPR, recognizing and relieving a choking victim, recognizing the signs of a heart attack, and how to use an AED. This class is not for healthcare providers.

Ages: 12 and up

Dates: Wednesday, October 25, November 15 or December 6

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: \$35 (Township/Dublin residents), \$45 (non-residents)

Until Help Arrives

If you are ever involved in or witness a traumatic accident, will you know what to do until first responders arrive? Would you be prepared to help save someone's life? This course will walk you through each step: how to recognize that there is a problem, how to assess the surroundings so you can act safely, what information is most important to share on your 911 call, and the care you can administer until law enforcement and or fire/EMS arrive. Washington Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Riebel and emergency dispatcher (Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center) Stephanie Skipworth present this class in a format that includes lecture, demonstrations and hands-on skills practice. This class is suitable for ages 13 and up. Parent/guardian must accompany (and be a registered participant) 13-16 year olds.

Ages: 13 & up (ages 13-16 need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian).

Date: Tuesday, October 17

Time: 6pm-9pm

Location: Washington Township Administrative Offices • 6200 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Fee: Free

Storytime at the Fire Station

We'll read a story, meet Sparky, our big furry fire safety mascot, and take a tour of the fire trucks. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Parents/guardians must accompany children.

Ages: 4 & up; All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, October 27

Time: 10am

Location: Station 92 – 4497 Hard Rd.

Fee: Free (Township/Dublin residents), Free (non-residents)

Please register one spot/ticket per child (child information only)



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