

Brown Twp. trustee: Roads in 'very good condition'

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The first quarter of Brown Township Board of Trustees meetings are in the books, and here's a brief overview of the proceedings.

The trustees' first meeting was on Jan. 10 in the Township Hall, 5555 State Route 521. The trustees are Charles Miley, Connie Skinner and Gary Stegner. Peggy Link is the fiscal officer, and her report is heard first. Beth Harp is the cemetery sexton and Steve Lisano is the zoning inspector, and they are among the township staff who provides updates to the trustees.

A guest on hand who also speaks at the meetings is Gabe Smith of the Delaware Public Health District.

Among the items discussed Jan. 10 were a new maintenance garage and a possible park levy. Under new business, "determining primary, secondary and tertiary roads" were "goals for the year," the minutes said.

On Feb. 14, Road Superintendent Dan Gladman said he started road sign replacements with the easy and shorter roads. The trustees approved replacing the Pittman Road culvert for \$15,067.25. In April, the Delaware County Engineer's Office (DCEO) closed Pittman Road between U.S. Route 42 North and Leonardsburg Road for a couple days to replace a culvert.

In a related matter, the Oxford Township Trustees met on March 14. There, Township Liaison Doug Riedel, of DCEO, gave an update to Oxford's trustees.

"The township line on McCurdy Rd. is in the middle of an s-curve with Brown Township," Oxford's meeting minutes said. "Doug Riedel was informed by Brown Township that they would like to replace the safety signs for the curve and asked if we would be willing to do the same on the

Oxford Township side ... After further discussion it was decided upon to replace the curve signs and Doug will coordinate between Brown Township and Oxford Township on the replacement."

"Brown Township's roads are in very good condition, mainly because we have had an aggressive improvement program for the last ten years," Miley said in the Brown Township newsletter last fall. "We try to give attention to each road every four years on a rotating basis. While we are not doing big reclamation projects, we are striving to maintain what we have. With that being said the cost of materials has increased dramatically. We are still spending around two hundred thousand dollars each year."

Also on March 14, Brown's trustees had their meeting. Two members of the public were on hand. One discussed flooding on Baker Road, the other had questions about an RV park.