Harris Township, Ottawa County

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

HARRIS TOWNSHIP ACQUIRES CROZIER BUILDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS

After multiple years of deliberation and planning, Harris Township is pleased to announce the purchase of the 5-acre property, formerly known as the Crozier Building, from P&J Thayer Family Limited Partnership for \$775,000. This acquisition marks a significant investment in the Township's infrastructure and public service capacity.

To finance the purchase, the Township issued \$750,000 in exempt interest bonds. The remaining \$25,000 will be paid from the Township's General Fund. The General Fund will also serve as the primary source for the repayment of the bonds, made possible from the reallocation of inside millage and a voluntary benefit cut for elected officials.

The building will primarily serve as the new location for the Township's road maintenance and cemetery garages, along with administrative offices for the Township. This will provide upgraded space for essential public works operations and cemetery equipment, along with providing additional storage for Fire/EMS vehicles and equipment, helping to alleviate long-standing space constraints in all departments.

This strategic acquisition replaces our outdated, deteriorating public works building with a more modern facility, boosting operational efficiency, and supporting the Township's continued growth. Harris Township appreciates the community's continual support as we invest in infrastructure and put this facility to work for the benefit of the entire community!

Harris Township Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7:30 pm, which you are always welcome to attend.

Regards,

Harris Township Trustees

Beverly Haar, Chair – DJ Greenhill, Vice – Jerry Haar Questions can be directed to Trustee Greenhill at 419-262-5253