**History**

On July 15th, 2016, the township’s garage on Cemetery Road was gutted by fire, destroying the building and all the contents. For the past year and a half, the township trustees have been working to replace essential equipment and finalize plans for the new building. After researching different designs, it was decided to go with a steel-framed building very similar to Plymouth Township’s recently built garage. The original building, built in the early 1960’s and added on to in the 1980’s, was approximately 4,400 square feet.

**The Numbers . . .**

The township is set to receive **$524,603.15** from our insurance company to replace the building. Minus our insurance adjuster’s fees, we plan to spend between **$470,000 and $500,000**. The County Engineer’s current estimate stands at **$450,000**. The new building will be a 6 bay, 62’ x 132’ building totaling **8,258 sq. ft.**, over 3,800 sq. ft. larger than the old building.

**Timeline . . .**

- **July 15th, 2016** – Fire
- **October 2016** – Tim Martin, County Engineer, offers county outpost garage on Route 84 for township use until new building is up
- **April & May 2017** – Trustees review different building designs
- **June 14th, 2017** – Proof of Loss Statement verifying replacement value
- **December 20th, 2017** – Trustee-elects briefed on project
- **January 10th, 2018** – Final plans presented and ready for County Engineer’s evaluation and bid estimate
- **February 14th, 2018** – Bid estimate received and Dave Payne approved as Construction Manager
- **March 2018** – We plan to finalize the bid package and begin receiving proposals before the end of the month. The hope is to start building this spring and finish before the end of the year.

Thank you . . . Tim Martin, Ashtabula County Engineer, and his staff for their help with this project. We also would like to thank Dave Payne for his work on the plans and his continuing guidance as we begin the building phase.