

Washington Township, Dauphin County

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Spring 2023

Office Hours & Contact Info

Monday - Friday8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Phone717.362.3191
 Fax.....717.362.4110
 Email.....washingtontownship@wtwp.org
 Websitewtwp.org

Yard Waste Collection Center

Monday through Friday
 9 AM—4 PM
 2nd & 4th Saturday
 each month 9 AM—Noon
 Closed Holidays

Where are Washington Township's American Rescue Plan (Covid) Funds Being Used

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors have approved using American Rescue Funds to:

1. Help pay for the roof replacement on the township offices and shop. They are the original roofs and we were experiencing leaking problems in the last few years.
2. Make improvements to State Drive entrances to reduce speed and increase safety on State Drive and Route 209.
3. Move the rear parking lot gate to keep traffic from driving around the back of the building, this will also include installing a fence along our retaining wall.
4. Paint the outside of the shop and the shop façade.
5. Make improvements to the townships' web site and upgrade the office computers.
6. Install a virtual meeting setup for board meetings.
7. Paint the office entrance, meeting room, office and bathrooms.

8. The remaining fund have not been committed yet, but we are looking at more maintenance projects which may or may not include: expand parking for increased DJ office, Seal Coat the Loyalton Park parking lot, Replace the ceilings in the township office/meeting room area, Replace

carpet and tile on floors in the office/meeting room area, Implement electronic document and record management, Install cameras at the Loyalton park, Reliance Hose Company Funds, Install a lean to shed, Equipment purchases.

Loyalton Roller Mills Was Located on Fisher Road



Board Members & Staff

Board of Supervisors

Planning Commission

Laverne Brown, Sr, Chairman
Wayne Thomas, Vice Chairman
Charles Maguire, Secretary
Gerald Lettich
Richard Young
Meetings held 1st Monday of the month -7 PM

Zoning Hearing Board

John Burget, Chairman
Scott Klouser, Vice Chairman
John C. Kell
Andreau Miller, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate
Hearings are held as needed

Recreation Board

Matthew Stonerod, Chairman
Janine Schaffner, Secretary
Jayne Harman
Andrew Warfel
Vacancy
Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of the month -8 PM

Washington Township Authority

Scott Klouser, Chairman
Matthew V. Boyer, Vice Chairman
Doris Kauffman, Secretary
John Burget, Treasurer
Vacancy
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month -7 PM

Elizabethville Area Authority

Dennis Henninger, Chairman
Chris Kocher, V.Chairman & Township Representative
Peggy Kahler, Treasurer
Tammy Keisling, Secretary
Ken Koller, Assistant Secretary
Robert (Bob) Bahney
Tom Welker, Township Representative
Meetings held 4th Wednesday of the month - 7 PM
Elizabethville Borough Building—68 Moore St.
Office: 717.362.3582 Plant: 717.362.8472
Email: evilleauthority@gmail.com

Elected Auditors

Donald Raffensperger, Chairman
Monica Koontz, Secretary
John F. Faust
Meet in January and as needed

Emergency Management Coordinator

David Shelleman
For all emergencies, dial 911

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Brian & Carrie McFeaters 717.813.6492



L to R - Benjamin Brown, Chairman . Glenn Stonerod, Vice-Chairman, Gerald Lettich, Cynthia Stout, Kevin Stadheim

The Board of Supervisors will meet May through December 2023 on the following dates: May 2 & 18; **June 6 meeting cancelled**, June 20; July 6 & 18; August 1 & 15; September 5 & 19; October 3 & 17; November 9 & 21; December 5 & 19. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the municipal building beginning 7 PM.

Secretary/Treasurer Donna Sitlinger

Zoning And Codes Enforcement Officer Ralph Hummel

Board Solicitor Joseph Kerwin

Engineer Meck Tech, Inc. and Stahl Sheaffer Engineering

STATE UCC Building Permits/Inspectors

Lehigh Engineering, LLC

Contact: 570.628.2300 or ralphh@leighengineer.com

Website: www.lehighengineer.com

Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.

Contact: 717.823.1351 or comments@light-heigel.com

Website: www.light-heigel.com

BIU of PA

Contact: 877.453.4321 or MGensemer@biuinc.com

Website: www.biuinc.com

Help Wanted Volunteer Board Members

The Board of Supervisors are seeking township residents interested in volunteering their time to take an active role in overseeing the development of our community. Residents are needed to fill the following vacant positions. Recreation Board; Zoning Hearing Board (alternate); Sewer Authority; Vacancy Board Chairman; Alternate Voting Delegate -Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee. For those interested in obtaining more information on a specific vacancy, feel free to contact the township office or a Supervisor.



Tax Bill and Payment Information

Need assistance on tax bills or payment of taxes, direct your questions to **Lori Brown, Tax Collector**. The tax bills can be confusing. Here's a little guidance, but please feel free to call or email the tax collector with any questions.

County/Twp Real Estate Bills – Mailed February 1. (If you do not receive your bill by Feb. 15, please contact the tax collector for another copy.)

School Real Estate Bills – Mailed July 1. (If you do not receive your bill by July 15, please contact the tax collector for another copy.)

When mailing real estate tax payments, please include any portion of the bill that contains the BAR CODE. This verifies the property. If you don't send your bill with your payment, make sure your check shows the PARCEL NUM-

BER of the property. Personal (Per cap) Taxes – Mailed July 1. (If you do not receive your bill by July 15, please contact the tax collector for another copy.) Every person age 18 and older receives one of these bills. (This bill is a “head tax” and has nothing to do with owning property.) When mailing personal tax payments, please include any portion of the bill that contains the BAR CODE. This verifies the individual. If you are paying to multiple individuals, please send a portion of the bill for EACH person. If you don't send a bill with your payment, make sure your check shows the BILL NUMBER for each individual.

All checks should be payable to: Washington Twp Tax Collector. If you need a receipt, include a self-addressed-stamped-envelope.

TAX COLLECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 717.836.8951 **Email:** washtwptax@gmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 931
Elizabethville, PA 17023

Office Location: 1011 W. Matterstown Road
Millersburg, PA 17061

(There is a drop-box located inside the breezeway)

2023 OFFICE HOURS

February, March, May, July, August, October, December
On the first and last Tuesday and Thursday (4:30 - 8:00 PM)
Appointments are always available

Extra 2023 days/hours

March 21 & 23 and August 22 & 24 (4:30 - 8:00 PM)

Tax Office Closed

April, June, September, November –By appointment only

Closed all Holidays

Communication Award

Our township's efforts to keep its residents updated and informed about the community have earned the municipality an award in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) 55th Annual Citizen Communication Contest. The contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens. Washington tied for second place in the Newsletters, Population 5,000 and Under category. The contest attracted entries from across the commonwealth in eight categories, including printed and electronic newsletters, most improved newsletters, other publications, audiovisual communication, cable TV programs, social media, and websites. In all, 33 townships submitted 111 entries for this year's competition, and 16 townships won awards.

All contest entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability. Judges included PSATS staff and township officials who volunteered through the Association's Power of One program.

Last Names of Washington Township Residents

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ADAMS	ZUBER	SNYDER	DAGEN	TALLMAN	WISE
RADEL	HERB	HOON	BOTTS	REISCH	TAYLOR
BARDER	UHLER	BOYER	ESH	RADOMSKY	USUKA
SMELTZ	BECHTEL	FAUST	SAUVE	WATSON	ANTES
FEIDT	WERTZ	KENT	LOWER	ESCH	BUSH
WIEST	WELKER	KLINGER	KISSINGER	ZOOK	REED



Zoning And Building Permit Information

Listed below is information to help determine whether or not a zoning and/or building permit is needed for new building projects, additions, or a change of use on a property. Since there are many different types of projects, the process to obtain a permit may vary. If in doubt, play it safe and contact the township office for assistance.

Zoning permits are needed to construct new structures, enlarge an existing structure, demolition, change the use of an existing structure, decks/porches, temporary structures, accessory structures (sheds & garages) more than 1,000 square feet, ground mounted solar panels, swimming pools, signs, new or expanded driveways, starting or changing a business. Permits are also needed for private wells and on lot sewage disposal systems and certain repairs.

Zoning permits are excluded for accessory buildings (sheds, garages) 1,000 square feet and under. Also excluded, normal maintenance activities, minor repairs or alterations that will

not change the footprint of a building.

When considering the location, property owners are reminded to check that the addition will not be built in an easement or right-of-way area or the drain field of an on lot sewage disposal system and private well area. Zoning permit applications are available at the township office, or online at wtwp.org.

Zoning permit applications are reviewed and the permit issued by the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer, Ralph Hummel who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Building permits as regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code and are needed to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building, or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, mechanical (including gas/and/or propane) or plumbing system. Other projects include pools and spas, attached carports, attached decks or decks higher than 30” above grade, fences over 6’ high, retaining walls over 4’ high, sidewalks and driveways that are 30” above adjacent grade or placed over a basement or story below, roof and ground mounted solar panels.

The State building codes excludes building permits for

detached carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds—if the structure has a building area less than 1,000 square feet and is an accessory to a single-family dwelling. Agricultural buildings defined under Section 103 of the UCC Act are also excluded from state building codes requirements.

The Supervisors appointed Light-Heigel & Associates, Lehigh Engineering, LLC and BIU of PA to review applications, issue building permits and conduct the required inspections for projects in our township. For those needing a building permit, contact any one of the three entities listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Stormwater Control During & After Construction

For new impervious area that is developed on a property, a plan may be needed to show how stormwater run-off will be managed on a property during and after construction? New impervious areas include roofs, additional indoor living space, patios, garages, sheds, sidewalks, decks, parking areas, and driveways. Listed below is a guide to help you determine if a plan is needed for stormwater control.

During Construction. an Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Control Plan determines how stormwater runoff will be controlled during construction. Controls such as straw bales, socks, silt barriers are to be installed to control water runoff while construction is taking place for disturbance less than 5,000 square feet. In addition, a written plan to be kept on the premise if disturbance is 5000 square feet to 43,559 square feet. For earth disturbance of 1 acre or more, a NPDES Permit is needed.

After Construction. A Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan (PCSWMG) is needed for new impervious areas developed on a lot

totaling 1,000 square feet and above.

A PCSWMT plan determines how stormwater runoff will be controlled after construction. The measurement of impervious areas includes all of the impervious areas in the total proposed development, even if development is to take place in stages. For example, a property owner adds a shed that will create 500 square feet of new impervious area on a lot. A PCSWMT Plan is not needed. Two years later a 500 square foot deck addition is planned. Factoring the square footage of the shed added two years ago, along with the new deck, the total combined impervious area created on the same lot is 1,000 square feet, a PCSWMT Plan will be needed.

Depending on isolation distance, larger lots may be exempt from some of the requirements of a PCSWMT Plan.

Property owners will need to seek professional advice on whether or not a PCSWMT Plan is needed. Plan ahead accordingly, as no building/zoning permits will be issued for your project until a PCSWMT plan is approved.



Safe digging month serves as a reminder to all excavators and homeowners to call 811 at least 3 business days before you dig, so the approximate location of the underground utility lines can be identified and marked by the facility owners before digging commences.

**Know what's below
dial 811
before you dig.**



Board of Supervisors Actions Sept 2022 Thru March 2023

September 2022—Adopt Ordinance 2022-01 Local Services Tax, to repeal Chapter 24 Part 2 Occupation Privilege Tax (\$10) and reenact a new Chapter 24, Part 2 to be entitled Local Services Tax (\$52).
 October 2022—Resolution 2022-13 Implement ACT 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions.
 November 2022—Tentatively approve the 2023 Budget approving a municipal real estate tax increase of .97 mills to 1.47 mills; Increase the Fire Hydrant special assessment tax of 0.17 mills to 0.22 mills.
 December 2022—Resolution 2022-14 To keep into effect the Emergency Operations Plan of Dauphin County.
 December 2022—Resolution 2022-15 Approve the Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module Application for Daniel Smucker (CNH Properties).
 December 2022—Resolution 2022-16 Formally adopt the 2023 Budget.
 December 2022—Resolution 2022-17 Formally adopt the 2023 Tax Levy.
 January 2023—Resolution 2023-01—Re-appoint Wagner, Dreese, Elasser & Associates, PC as Independent Auditor.
 January 2023—Resolution 2023-02 Re-appoint Scott Klouser to a 3 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board.
 January 2023—Resolution 2023-03 Designate Bank Depositories.
 March 2023—Resolution 2023-04 General Obligation Note of \$125,000 allocated for municipal building improvements (roof-over project).

Local Services Tax Adopted

The Local Services Tax (LST) was adopted by the Supervisors September of 2022 and effective on January 1, 2023. The LST replaced the \$10 Occupation Privilege Tax. Keystone Collections Group is serving as the LST Collector for Washington Township.

The LST applies to all persons working in Washington Township, regardless of their residence. The tax is a flat \$52 levied annually on all persons engaging in an occupation within the geographic boundaries of the Township, including self-employed individuals. Persons subject to the LST, shall pay a pro rata share each payroll period by dividing \$52 by the number of payroll periods established by the employer for the calendar year.

◇ A person earning less than \$12,000 annually is exempt from the tax. An annual

exemption form must be completed by the employee and submitted to the employer.

- ◇ Each person shall pay no more than \$52 LST in a calendar year, irrespective of the number of political subdivisions a person may be employed.
- ◇ Employees are entitled to a refund if the LST is deducted during a year when the total earnings are less than \$12,000, or if the LST was paid to another jurisdiction prior to working and paying the tax in Washington Township.
- ◇ Employers are required to remit the Local Services Tax withheld from their employees and file a Local Services Tax Quarterly Return to the Keystone Collections Group within thirty days after the end of

each quarter of a calendar year.

- ◇ Employers are required to remit an annual tax reconciliation return through Keystone Collections Group.
- ◇ Annual exemption and refund forms are available on Keystone’s website listed below.

Here is the contact information for the Keystone Collections Group.

**On-line: www.KeystoneCollects.com
 By mail: Keystone Collections Group, 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642.
 By Phone Employers: 1.888.328.0558
 By Phone Individuals: 1.866.539.1100**

Primary Election

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Polls Are Open 7 AM To 8 PM

Township Residents Vote at the

**Washington Township Municipal Building
 185 Manors Road
 Elizabethville, PA 17023**



May 1, 2023 - Last day to REGISTER before the primary.

May 9, 2023—Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

May 16, 2023- Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots. (Must be received by 8 PM)

**For more information
 visit Dauphin County’s website
www.dauphincounty.org
 Registrations and Elections**

Two Roads Included in PennDOT’s Local Traffic Counting Program

The following township roads are included in PennDOT’s Local Traffic Counting Program during 2023.

- ◇ Henninger Road between Locust Road and Creek Hill Road;
- ◇ Long Road between Stone Hill Road and Deadend;
- ◇ Pine Road between Henninger Road and Deadend;
- ◇ Henninger Road between Pine Road and Mill Road;
- ◇ Henninger Road between Rakers Mill Road and Matter Road;
- ◇ Shiffers Mill Road between Municipal Line and Dam Hill Road;
- ◇ Green Street between SR 209 and Nursery Road;

- ◇ Water Street between SR209 and Second Street;
- ◇ Oak Street between Ash Street and Locust Street.

The traffic counts will take place sometime between March 1, 2023 through November 16, 2023. This data collection program is being implemented to help improve PennDOT’s traffic data inventory critical to safety management in coordination with FHWA’s Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE). MIRE is a guideline to help state Department of Transportation’s improve roadway and traffic data inventory which are used to make decision on safety, design, and operation of roadways. PennDOT will be contracting with Southern Traffic Services to collect the traffic data.





2023 Spring Road Report

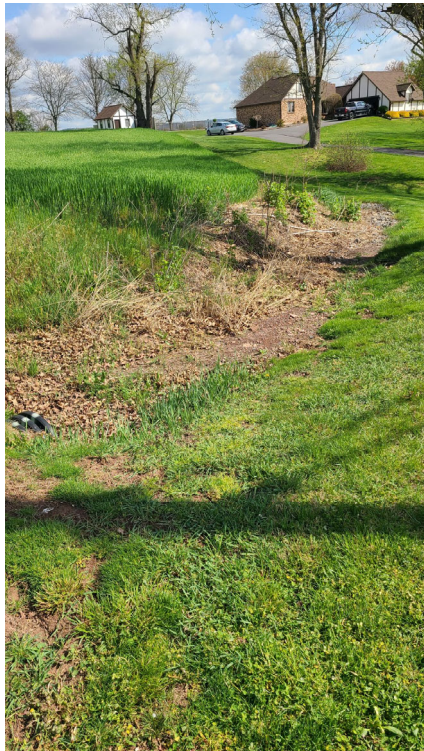


Public Works Department

Robert Crabb, Roadmaster 717.979.0320
Cole Long, Ike Daniels, Jr.
Cale Welker, PT as needed

Road Signs - We completed replacing all our township road signs last year. As in the past, if you see a township sign missing or run over, please call us. Also any info on who damaged the sign is very helpful in getting the sign back, or the new one paid for by the person who caused the damage.

Drainage - The road crew will replace pipes and installed culverts on various roads in preparation for chipping next year.



A water run off basin was installed on North Road and is doing a good job with some berm maintenance required.

neighbors property or township roads, our berms are not designed to handle that amount of runoff!

Tree and Brush Trimming - The road crew has been trimming trees and brush alongside township roads. This year, the same as last year, we used a “boom mower” to trim the trees in most locations. Although this is a faster method than sawing, the trees do look “rough” until the leaves grow. The larger limbs will need to be trimmed with saws. Trees and brush in residential areas will also be trimmed with saws. So you understand our process using the boom mower, we will cut the trees one week and clean up the limbs the following week. **All trees and bushes, including those**

in developments, must be trimmed back four feet from the edge of the blacktop and a minimum of 14’ from the top of the roadway (the height of our trucks and Fire-trucks). If you do not want the township to trim your trees and bushes, please make sure your trees and bushes are trimmed four feet from the edge of the blacktop, 14’ high, and the township will have no reason to trim your trees. Trees and bushes must be kept trimmed away from the roadway to maintain a safe traveling roadway for the public and Emergency vehicles.

Mail Boxes - On streets with curbs, the front of your mail box may not extend beyond the edge of the curb. On streets without curbs, the front of your mailbox must be four feet from the edge of the blacktop. This allows our snow plows to pass by and maintain a safe traveling roadway for the public. You may not put solid (ie stone, brick, etc.) structures in the township right of way to hold mailboxes. Penn Dot has also issued safety regulations on the number of mailboxes that may be attached in a row. This is to avoid the row of mailboxes from becoming a projectile.

Surface Repairs - The township will be Seal Coating and Fog Sealing Municipal, Lenker, Mohr, Botts Roads this year. What is Seal Coating with a Fog Seal? The road will be coated with an emulsion and a layer of 1b stones put down. In about two weeks the Seal Coated streets will be swept to remove any loose stones and another type of emulsion will be added to hold the remaining stones in place. We have used this process the last few years with great results. Our work on the roads will include patching, crack sealing & cutting the berms, along with pipe replacement if needed. Some mailboxes will have to be moved to make our roads safer as they are too close to the road. See mail box location guidelines listed above. We will be cutting the berms (from the edge of the road 3-4’ back) to have the proper drainage for the roads, we will remain within our right of way for the roads. If you have trees or bushes that hang over the edge of the road, or landscaping that touches the edge of the road, you will have to cut them or move your landscaping. If the contractor has to, the trees



Drainage Project on Henninger Road has eliminated the water ponding and Ice build up during winter

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What's Happening at the Loyaltown Park

Loyaltown Twins

Photo courtesy of Harry Deitrich



1977 Champions

Front Row: Don Lietzel, Ron Barge, Eugene Matter, Shelby Shaffer, Daren Hoffman, Scott Hirsch, Rusty Walborn

Back Row: Todd Kissinger, Lee Miller, Brian Hirsch, Rahn Forney, Brad Deitrich, Dave Henninger, Bob Rodichok, Doug Eberle, Lance Shaffer, Don Shadle

Absent: Richard Mattern, Jack Mateer

Park Pavilion Rental

As you make plans for summer picnics, family reunions or other gatherings, consider the pavilion at the Loyaltown Park.

Rental of the pavilion includes electric, running water, picnic tables, (seat approx. 48) charcoal grill as well as the park playground and softball field. In order to reserve the facility, a rental and damage deposit fee has been established for the use of the

facility: \$10 Rental Fee for Washington Township residents; \$25 Rental Fee for non-residents, plus a \$65 damage deposit that will be returned in its entirety, as long as no damages were incurred after use of the facility.

Contact the township office at 717.362.3191 or email washingtontownship@wtwp.org for availability, reservations and questions.

Healthy Kids Running Series Returns to Loyaltown Park

The Healthy Kids Running Series will be returning to the Loyaltown Park this spring! Kids ages 2 through high school can participate in the running series.

Five weeks of once a week running, beginning Sunday, April 23rd through Sunday, May 21st starting at 4 PM. There is still time to sign your kids up at: <https://runsignup.com/hkrsnortherndauphin>



Thank You! State Representative, Joe Kerwin

Article submitted by State Representative's Joe Kerwin's Communications Coordinator

Last year, I advocated for Washington Township to receive a Local Share Municipal Grant, and I'm happy to report the township was successful in securing \$65,000 to replace the municipal building's roof. This project was important to make needed updates to the municipal building and unfortunately came at a time when we're contending with increased construction costs for both materials and labor. The Local Share Municipal Grant helped significantly as your municipal leaders tackled that project.

I also want to invite you to join me at upcoming events. They include:

FRAUD BINGO

Learn how to protect yourself from identity theft and fraud in a fun, free game hosted in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 12, at the Millersburg Area Senior Center, 109 Edward Drive, Millersburg.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Safely shred documents with sensitive information like bank account numbers from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Lykens Valley Shopping Plaza, 4686 State Route 209, Elizabethville. Paper clips and staples can be handled by the shredder. Cardboard, hanging file folders, binder clips and three-ring binders cannot be shredded. There is a maximum of four boxes per household. No businesses, please.

As always, if you have any questions, I encourage you to call my district offices at 833-431-0495 or 717-652-6820.



Rep. Joe Kerwin
125th District, Pennsylvania House of Representatives



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and bushes will be cut a minimum of 4' from the edge of the blacktop and the landscaping removed.

Guide Rails— We have no new guide rail projects this year.

Crack Sealing—The road crew will crack seal the roads that are going to be seal coated. We will begin crack sealing other roads in the township as soon as we finish our road projects later this year.

Street Sweeping – The road crew completed street sweeping to remove the antiskid from this past winter. The reason for street sweeping has nothing to do with appearance, it is a part of road-way maintenance and safety. By removing the antiskid from the roadway, we lower the risk of a motorcycle, bicycle or car skidding while turning or trying to brake. By removing antiskid we also have less material that accumulates on the berms of the roads, that would cause drainage issues and road damage from the water. We also would have to clean up the antiskid by cutting the berms with the grader, which would cost considerably more than street sweeping. The township also swept the streets of Elizabethville Boro as they have been doing for a few years now. The Boro pays the township for this service.

Street Right of Way – The township has a right of way for all township roads. All township roads have a 33' right of way except in developments built since 1970 and new subdivisions, where the right of way is 50'.



The replacement of the entire Township Building roof began in 2022 and will be completed this spring.



Older developments and subdivisions have varied right of ways. Please check with the township office if you would like to know the right of way for the township road next to your property.

Equipment— We have fallen behind on equipment replacement, and have nothing scheduled to be replaced.

As always, we have a very full schedule for this year. We will try to get all the jobs completed. If we do not get to all the projects, they will be completed next year.

Other Information — We are working on improving the intersections on State Drive. One of the options we are considering is to close the entrance at the east end and use the road that connects to State Drive from Rt 209 that was paved last year. It is only a few feet away from the current entrance, but would meet Rt 209 at a 90 degree angle and be safer than the current angle State Drive meets Rt 209. On the west end of State Drive, we are considering closing this entrance completely, again to eliminate the angle it meets Rt 209. We would put a cul-de-sac at the sewage pump station to end State Drive there. All traffic exiting the west end of State Drive would use Engle Road to Rt 209. We will also finish drainage projects at the Township Building, and work on improving turn arounds on various township roads.

This past year was rather uneventful as far as winter goes. But I would like to thank our road crew, Bob Crabb, Cole Long, Ike Daniels and Clint Klouser for snow plowing this past winter. We were down a driver most of this past winter and Clint “unretired” to help us out.

The road crew thanks all township residents for their patience during the snowstorms and our road projects. We have approximately 30 miles of road to maintain and, as in the past, many of you were very helpful by letting us know where trees and limbs were on the roadways or when signs were damaged.



During the winter months, in addition to plowing the roads, the roadcrew performs maintenance on all our equipment.

The purpose of the right of way is to contain the roadway, drainage area and utilities (ie electric, telephone, cable, water, sewer). The right of way also allows the township to keep foliage from growing on or near the roadway, this allows motorists to maintain their lane of travel on the roadway and keep a clear line of site so motorists can make safe turns onto other roads. Please keep this in mind when you plant trees, shrubs, or install a fence on your property. A good rule of thumb for trees is take their mature height and divide it in half, and that will be the width of the tree. So, if you plant a tree that grows 40' high, it will be around 20' wide. You would want to plant this tree 10' from the township right of way and you should not have a problem with the tree interfering with the townships right of way or the townships need to cut the limbs on the tree. If possible stay out of the right of way, if the utilities need to work on their lines or equipment; or there is an obstruction to the roadway or line of site, your trees, shrubs or fence may need to be removed. If you have a question about installing something in the township’s right of way, please call



Township Budget Report

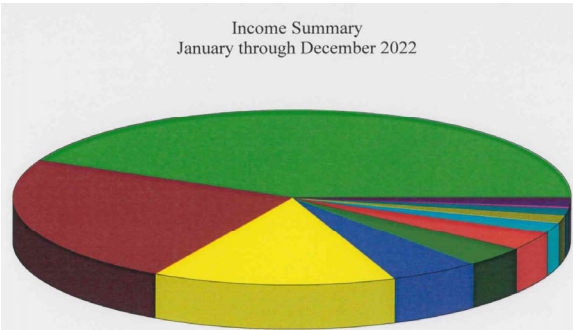
The Board of Supervisors adopted a \$1,042,800.00, 2023 budget.

The budget included a .50 municipal real estate mill increase. The \$10.00 Occupation Privilege Tax (OPT) was repealed September 2022 and replaced with a \$2.00 Local Services Tax, (LST) effective January 1, 2023. The tax increase is anticipated to provide an additional \$112,000.00 in tax revenues for the general fund.

The 2023 budget included a .05 mill fire hydrant tax increase and is anticipated to provide an additional \$1,600.00 in revenues for the maintenance of fire hydrants.

The township received their 2023 allocation of liquid fuels tax totaling \$128,117.35.

A \$125,000 general obligation note was recently issued to help with the expenses of the \$258,000 municipal building roof-over project awarded to Zartman Construction last August. During the past two years, the township was successful in obtaining grant funding to help with the expenses of the roof-over project,



310 · Local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511	43.00%
301 · Real Estate Property Taxes	23.93
352.53 · Federal Shared Revenues (ARP)	14.30
357.01 · Gaming Grant Award	5.35
355 · State Shared Revenue & Entitlem	3.75
380 · Misc. Revenue	3.52
321 · Licenses & Permits	2.04
362 · Permits	1.46
361 · Charges for Services	1.33
341 · Interest Earned	0.44
Other	0.88
Total	\$840,071.39

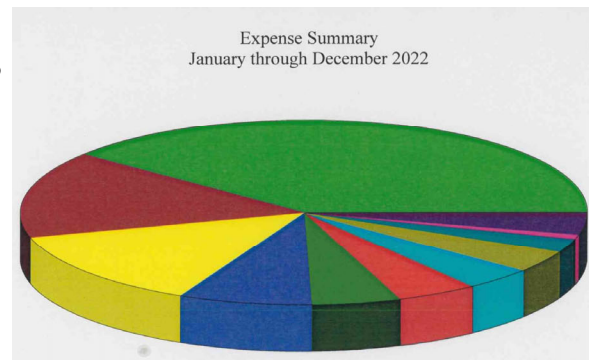
Income Summary 2022

through the Dauphin County Gaming Local Share Municipal Grant Program. The roof-over project is being financed, in part by “a grant from the Dauphin County Commissioners”. The township was awarded \$75,000 during 2022 and an additional \$65,000 was awarded 2023.

The Supervisors approved a variety of projects that will be paid out of the

\$220,000.00 American Rescue Plan (Covid) Funds. The projects are listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

The Supervisors will continue to monitor the budget and remain fiscally responsible moving forward. If there are any questions concerning the budget, please contact the township office or any Supervisor, and we will be happy to assist you.



430 · Highway Maint. Public Works	39.21%
411 · Fire Protection	15.14
405 · Clerk-Secretary	13.67
409 · Gen Gov. Buildings & Plant	7.79
487 · Employer Paid Benefits/Withhold	5.10
480 · Insurance	4.64
408 · SEO & Engineer Services	4.00
404 · Law-Board of Supervisors	3.85
437.00 · Highway Maint.-Equip Repair	2.47
454 · Parks & Recreation	0.86
Other	3.28
Total	\$687,140.40

Expense Summary 2022

Township’s Yard Waste Collection Center

LOCATION - Township premises.

HOURS OF OPERATION -

Monday through Friday 9AM—4PM
2ND AND 4TH Saturday 9AM-Noon
Closed Holidays

PERMITTED USERS - Township residents who are disposing of yard waste generated from the property they reside on in Washington Township.

The Yard Waste Collection Center is not intended for the use of commercial landscapers, contractors or non-residents.

WASTE ACCEPTED -

Grass, flower and shrub clippings; leaves; tree limbs up to 6” in diameter; whole shrubs are accepted only if the root ball is no more than 6” in diameter and all ground and plastic is removed from the

root ball system.

WASTE NOT ACCEPTED-

Noxious weeds as per the Department of Agriculture Guidelines. Includes Bradford (Callery) Pear Trees, Ornamental (Ravenna) Yard Grass and Japanese Barberry. Visit the PA Dept. of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.pa.gov to view the entire list.

Do not leave any bags or containers.

ENTER—THE FRONT PARKING LOT -of the township building and proceed through the open gate adjacent to the salt storage shed. The signage will direct you to the yard waste disposal area.

EXIT-Through the gate entered and proceed out the one-way road.

For the safety of our public works department and employees, do not drive through the rear parking lot to get to or

leave the disposal area.

Cameras have been installed and vehicle license plates are being photographed.

For those that dispose of unacceptable items, may be cited.

Be respectful of the service that is provided by your township and paid for by you, the taxpayer.



OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 6TH DURING SPRING CLEANUP!



Spring Cleanup – Saturday, May 6, 2023 8 AM-3 PM



Cleanup is funded by Washington Township Taxpayers and is intended for township residents to dispose of items that no longer have any use or are not accepted with the regular weekly trash pickup.

disposal? Call us at 717.362.3191 or email us at washington-township@wtwp.org. prior to cleanup day.

Items will only be accepted on Saturday. The items to be disposed of must come from a property where you reside and is located within Washington Township. Items will not be accepted from individuals that **do not own property or reside in Washington Township**, contractors work trash, landlords or commercial businesses.

Washington Township will not accept chemicals, flammable and hazardous materials, liquid paints and household garbage.

Residents will be asked to supply a picture ID and the last page of this newsletter containing your address and property parcel number for identification.

On Cleanup Day, drive to the rear parking lot of the township building and you will directed to the area to stop and unload your items. The township road crew will be available to assist with unloading heavier items. To make it easier to unload, residents are asked to sort and load items by these four categories: electronics, metals, tires, wood, lawn and garden waste and all other items.

Have questions whether or not an item will be accepted for

Examples of Items Accepted

Large bulky items include, but not limited to, furniture, mattresses, burn barrels, grills, wash line posts, hot tubs, piano's, etc.

Appliances include refrigerators, stoves, dehumidifiers, fans, microwaves, air conditioners, etc.

Electronics such as computers, televisions, printers, stereos, satellite dishes, VCR's, etc. The electronics collected are delivered to the Dauphin County Recycling Center. All of the information on hard drives are destroyed by Dauphin County's Recycler.

Wood is also accepted. The township recycles wood with the assistance of WW Pallet.

Bicycles are also accepted. The bikes collected are delivered to a recycler in Harrisburg who will refurbish the bikes. The bikes are then donated to disadvantaged children in the Harrisburg area.

Tires will also be accepted for a fee and must be paid up front. The fee is as follows: \$2 per tire up to 15"; \$3 per tire up to 17"; \$5 per tire up to 20"; \$12 per tire 21" and above. Add \$1 to tires mounted on wheels.

Voluntary Recycling Centers

Dauphin County offers Drop Off Locations for the recycling of cardboard, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, Plastic #1, #2, #5 only and aluminum cans. Listed below are the Drop off Locations in Upper Dauphin County.

There has been no new development to reinstate a drop off location in Washington Township.

For more information on how to prepare your recyclables, visit Dauphin County's website at www.dauphincounty.gov >Solid Waste Management and Recycling >Drop Off Locations.

Gratz Borough Community Center

125 North Center Street, Gratz

Halifax Borough (by Deppen Park)

Route 225, 1/4 mile outside of the borough

Lykens Borough

Boxers Parking Lot

Millersburg Borough

Front Street and Keystone Road

Williamstown Borough/Williams Township

Williamstown Borough Municipal Building

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Dauphin County offers a curbside program to their residents to legally dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) products. This program is available to each household for free, one time per year.

A hazardous waste product has at least one of the following properties: toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive. It includes materials such as weed killers, herbicides, pool chemicals, oil and lead based paint only, old gasoline, antifreeze, auto fluids, etc.

Here is what you need to do to schedule a free pickup:

- ◇ Call 800.449.7587 to schedule a free curbside collection.
- ◇ In 1-2 weeks a HHW Kit will be mailed and is to be used for the collection of your household hazardous waste.
- ◇ Place your kit at the curb in front of your residence on the scheduled pickup date.

For additional information on this free program, visit Dauphin County's website at www.dauphincounty.gov >Waste Management & Recycling > Household Hazardous Waste >Manage Your Household Hazardous Waste.



Report Street Light Out



Washington Township relies on township residents to report the outage or malfunction of a street light. Contact the township by calling 717.362.3191 during normal business hours or email a picture of the 5-digit set of numbers on the metal plate attached to the pole along with the street location to washingtontownship@wtwp.org. Allow 5-10 days for the repairs to be made.

On Lot Sewage Disposal Upkeep

Washington Township has been delegated to ensure that every on lot sewage disposal systems located in the township has been pumped out at least one time every five (5) years. The township will mail out a reminder notice to property owners when their five-year on lot sewage disposal system pumping is due. Information regarding the pumping responsibility is located in Chapter 18, Part 4, On lot Subsurface Sewage Disposal Facilities, §18-407 Maintenance, of the Washington Township Code of Ordinances. Any questions concerning the pump out, contact the township office.

Mass Notification System

Washington Township is offering a mass communication alert system for emergencies and events through AlertSense. For those interested in receiving alerts on their electronic devices or land lines, visit the township website at wtwp.org, under the Home tab, scroll down and click on Mass Communication Alert System or type in your browser the following:

<https://washington-township-pa.myfreealerts.com>

Broadband Expansion Project

The Dauphin County Commissioners and Comcast have joined to expand high-speed broadband internet access to many unserved locations in northern Dauphin County. The buildout is slated to occur over the next year and will include the following areas in our Township: Roller, Wilhour, Feidt, West Matterstown, Savidge, Wert, Botts, Mattis Mill, North Stone Roads and Harman Lane, Swa-Nea Drive, North Church Street.

Yard Sale Signs



If posting a sign to advertise a yard sale, please remember to remove the sign at the conclusion of the sale.

In the past, a large number of yard sale signs posted to direct people to yard sales were not removed and the signs were blown onto adjacent properties or along the roadsides. Hope you have a successful yard sale, but remember to remove all your signs.

Yard & Craft Days



Elizabethville Borough will be hosting their Yard and Craft Days on **Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3.**

Food sales, vendors, crafts, games and civic groups will be set up on Broad Street between Market and Church Streets.

Yard sales will be happening throughout the town and area!

This event is sponsored by the Elizabethville Community Volunteer Association who also presents the Halloween Parade and the Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa Claus in the park.

Home Gardeners

Listed below is contact information from the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners. Feel free to reach out to the Master Gardeners with home garden questions.



Website: <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin>

Email: dauphinmg@psu.edu **Telephone:** 717.921.8803



Spotted Lanternfly

Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect that has spread throughout our area. The insect feeds on the sap from over 70 different plant species. To learn more about this invasive pest, and especially obtain information on what methods can be used to stop the spread, visit the Penn State Extension Office website at

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> -or- Call the hotline number at: **888.422.3359**

To report a sighting, use the Extensions reporting tool on their website.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Elizabethville Area Authority plans to conduct hydrant flushing on October 9th and 10th during the hours of 10 PM—3 AM.

Hydrant flushing can cause water to become cloudy, should this occur, simply run your tap until the water becomes clear.



SR 209/225 Corridor Update

A proposal to amend the zoning ordinance and map affecting properties adjacent to the SR209/225 corridor is still under review. Two new zoning districts are proposed. Commercial Highway and Mixed Use Village.





Washington Township
 Dauphin County
 185 Manors Road
 Elizabethville, PA 17023

Presorted Std. Mail
 US Postage Paid
 Millersburg, PA 17061
 Permit Number 8



A Three Bay Warehouse was recently added to the Township Property to store our equipment from the weather. The overhead doors were recycled from our shop, which had new doors installed.

Address Service Requested



Reliance Hose Co No. 1

Volunteering Since 1889

Upcoming Events

- *June 3rd Chicken BBQ*

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY



Use these safety tips to avoid danger when at home or traveling with lithium battery-powered devices and chargers:

- Don't use off-brand products
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines on charging
- Keep away from hot surfaces and flammable materials
- Provide air flow (e.g., don't wrap in blanket or under pillow)
- Don't use cords that show damage
- Look for UL-certified products
- Feels hot enough to hurt? Stop using/charging immediately
- Call 9-1-1 if you see smoke or flames



2022 Review

- *164 Emergency Calls*
- *Over 4800 hours donated*

Thank you for Supporting your Volunteer Fire Company

