

# Washington Township, Dauphin County

Est. 1846



Spring 2025

## Office Hours & Contact Info

Monday - Friday .....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone .....717.362.3191

Fax.....717.362.4110

Email.....[washingtontownship@wtwp.org](mailto:washingtontownship@wtwp.org)Website .....[wtwp.org](http://wtwp.org)

## Yard Waste Collection Center

Monday through Friday  
9 AM—4 PM2nd & 4th Saturday  
each month 9 AM—Noon  
Closed Holidays

## The Renovation/Addition is Almost Complete

Its been a long year, but the Washington Township Renovation/Addition project is about 98% complete. Electrical, Handicap Accessible, Space, Storage, Cosmetic, the list goes on and on of all the items that have been improved during this project.



Above: New Township Office



Above: New District Court Offices

Below: New Conference &amp; Storage Room



Below: New Township Meeting Room



Below: New District Court Storage/Filing





## Board Members & Staff

### 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  
Tony Hubler  
Andreau Miller  
Vacancy, Alternate (2 seats)  
Hearings are held as needed

### Recreation Board

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

### Washington Township Authority

Matthew V. Boyer, Chairman  
Kathy Balsarick, 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 4th Wednesday of the month Jan-Oct - 7 PM  
Meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month Nov-Dec-7 PM  
Elizabethville Borough Building—68 Moore St.  
Office: 717.362.3582 Plant: 717.362.8472  
Email: evilleauthority@gmail.com

### Elected Auditors

John F. Faust, Chairman  
Monica Koontz, Secretary  
Donald W. Raffensperger  
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

## Board of Supervisors



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

The Board of Supervisors meet the first and third Tuesday each month at the municipal building. All meetings begin at 7 PM. The meeting dates scheduled through May through December 31, 2025 are as follows: May 6 & 22; June 3 & 17; July 1 & 15; August 5 & 19; September 2 & 16; October 7 & 21; November 6 & 18; December 2 & 16. All meetings are open to the public.

**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

Residents or their contractors may choose any one of the three (3) agencies listed below for UCC building permit and inspection needs.

#### **BIU of PA**

Contact: 877.453.4321 or [MGensemer@biuinc.com](mailto:MGensemer@biuinc.com)  
Website: [www.biuinc.com](http://www.biuinc.com)

#### **Lehigh Engineering, LLC**

Contact: 570.628.2300 or [ralphh@leighengineer.com](mailto:ralphh@leighengineer.com)  
Website: [www.lehighengineer.com](http://www.lehighengineer.com)

#### **Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.**

Contact: 717.823.1351 or [comments@light-heigel.com](mailto:comments@light-heigel.com)  
Website: [www.light-heigel.com](http://www.light-heigel.com)

## Board Members Needed

The Board of Supervisors are seeking township residents to appoint to the following board vacancies: Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate Members; Washington Township Authority; Vacancy Board Chairman. Township residents interested in obtaining more information may contact the township office or any Supervisor.

**In memory of Scott Klouser**  
**A member of the Washington Township Authority and**  
**the Zoning Hearing Board.**  
**Our condolences to his family.**



## 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 number 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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Tax Collector: Lori Brown**

**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)

**2025 OFFICE HOURS** February, March,  
May, July, August, October, December

The first and last Tuesday and Thursday of the month  
(4:30 - 8:00 PM)

### Extra 2025 days/hours

March 18 & 20 and August 19 & 21 (4:30 - 8:00 PM)

December 31 (10 AM—Noon)

**Closed all Holidays**

**APPOINTMENTS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE**

## Board of Supervisors Actions Sept 2024 Thru March 2025

### September 2024

- Ordinance 2024-02 Set forth requirements for Solar Energy Facility Systems.
- Resolution 2024-07 Approve Gary & Carla Miller Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

### November 2024

- Resolution 2024-08 Approve Pre/Final Land Development & PCSWMGT Plan of Elizabethville CSG 1, LLC, Solar Energy Facility Project, Schaffer Road.
- Resolution 2024-09 Approve Pre/Final Land Development Plan of Gary & Karla Miller for future residential use.

### December 2024

- Resolution 2024-10 Approve Pre/Final Land Development Plan of Raymond Smucker to construct three elevated cabins/campsites.
- Resolution 2024-11 Adopt the Emergency Operations Plan of Dauphin County.
- Resolution 2024-12 Adopt 2025 Tax Levy.
- Resolution 2024-13 Adopt 2025 Budget.

### January 2025

- Resolution 2025-01 Appoint Public Accountant to replace the Elected Auditors.
- Resolution 2025-02 Re-appoint Zoning Hearing Board Member, John Burget
- Resolution 2025-03 Designate Depositories for Township Funds.
- Resolution 2025-04 Appoint Zoning Hearing Board Mem-

ber, Andreau Miller.

- Resolution 2025-05 Approve Pre/Final Subdivision Plan of Glenn L. & Cynthia D. Stonerod.

### March 2025

- Resolution 2025-06 Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PENNDOT Systems.
- Resolution 2025-07 Approve Pre/Final Subdivision & PCSWMGT Plans for UDA School District Solar Project.

### Primary Election Day, May 20, 2025

The polls are open 7AM to 8 PM. Washington Township residents vote at the Washington Township Municipal Building located at 185 Manors Road, Elizabethville, PA 17023.

- May 5, 2025 - Last day to REGISTER before the May primary.
- May 13, 2025 –Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot. [Vote.pa.gov/MailBallot](https://vote.pa.gov/MailBallot)
- May 20, 2025 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots. Ballots must be received by 8 PM.

[Vote.pa.gov/County](https://Vote.pa.gov/County)

Contact the Dauphin County Elections office at 717.780.6360 for questions on voter registration, polling place and other election related information.

For more information visit Dauphin County's website  
[www.dauphincounty.org](https://www.dauphincounty.org)





## 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 on whether a permit is needed for your project 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 sheds, garages less than 1,000 square feet and are an accessory to a main building, on a property. 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](http://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 Management Control

Washington Township adopted a Stormwater Management Ordinance in 2010.

**Stormwater Management Control** is the process of controlling stormwater drainage runoff from the surface of the land resulting from rain, snow, or ice melt. A stormwater management plan evaluates how stormwater will be controlled when new impervious surfaces/areas are proposed on a property.

**What our impervious surfaces and why are they a problem?** Impervious surfaces are paved and hardened surfaces that do not allow water to pass through. Impervious areas include but are not limited to roofs, additional indoor living spaces, patios, garages, storage sheds, driveways and any new streets and sidewalks. Impervious surfaces can increase the amount and speed of stormwater runoff which can erode stream banks, damaging aquatic habitat, push fertilizers, pesticides, leaking fuel and other chemical contaminants into rivers and creeks, of which ultimately end up in the Chesapeake Bay.

**The purpose of stormwater planning** is

to reduce the amount of stormwater that can run off a property. There are many relevant factors to consider while planning for stormwater control such as existing problems, adjacent properties, isolation distance, sensitive environmental features.

**Property owners proposing to create less than 1000 square feet of new impervious area** are not mandated to submit a stormwater management control plan.

**Property owners proposing to create 1,000 square feet or more of new impervious area** will be asked to seek professional advice.

**What is involved with the preparation of a stormwater management control site plan?** When creating 1,000 sq. ft. or more of new impervious area, a property owner will need to consult with a professional for the preparation of a stormwater management control site plan. The site plan includes planning for erosion and sedimentation control to assess how stormwater runoff will be managed during construction. Controls such as straw bales, socks, silt barriers are installed to control water runoff

while construction is taking place. The site plan also assesses how stormwater runoff is managed on a property after the new impervious area is completed. The plan evaluates the impact of the new construction on neighboring properties and downstream areas. The site plan is submitted to the Township office and forwarded to the Township Engineer for review.

**A Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) Operation & Maintenance Agreement** is also needed when facility and drainage improvements are constructed. The agreement outlines the maintenance required, the responsibilities of the property owner, and the rights of the Township in regards to inspection & enforcement of the maintenance requirements.

Zoning and/or building permits will not be issued until the agreement & site plan are approved by the Supervisors and filed at the Recorder of Deeds office.

For questions pertaining to stormwater management control contact the township office for assistance.



## Township's Yard Waste Collection Center

**LOCATION** Township premises.

**ENTER** - Enter the front parking lot of the municipal 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.

**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.

**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.

**THE YARD WASTE CENTER IS NOT INTENDED FOR** the use of commercial landscapers, contractors and non-residents.

**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](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov) to review the entire list.

**CAMERAS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED** and vehicle license plates are being photographed. For those disposing unacceptable items, you may be cited.

**BE RESPECTFUL** of the service that is provided by your township and paid for by

you, the taxpayer.

**OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 3rd  
DURING SPRING CLEANUP!**



**Ornamental (Ravenna) Yard Grass will NOT be accepted at the Yard Waste Collection Center.**

## Local Events Hosted by Representative Joe Kerwin

When members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly took the oath of office Jan. 7 for the 2025-26 Legislative Session, we started quickly introducing bills and establishing our priorities for the term.

I've been working on bills to help individuals certified as milk testers/weighers/samplers get their credentials renewed on a more logical schedule, repeal the Use and Storage Tax Act (last used in the 1950s), and create a Gadsden flag license plate for passenger vehicles and motorcycles.

Additionally, I am planning several upcoming events that you can attend for free. They include:

- A concealed-carry seminar from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Short Mountain Gun Club. Learn more about Pennsylvania's firearms laws from attorney Joshua Prince. Kindly RSVP using the information below.

- A document-shredding event held in conjunction with Rep. Justin Fleming. Come to Linglestown Middle School, 1200 North Mountain Road, Harrisburg, from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, to shred documents with sensitive information like bank account numbers.

- A license plate replacement event held in conjunction with Sen. Greg Rothman. If you have a license plate that is damaged, blistered or otherwise illegible, bring it (attached to the vehicle or trailer) to Grace United Methodist Church, 928 Medical Road, Millersburg, from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 14. Replacement plates will later be available via pickup or mail.

Please visit [RepJoeKerwin.com/Events](http://RepJoeKerwin.com/Events) or call one of my offices at 833-431-0495 or 717-652-6820 to learn more.



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 IS BELOW DIAL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!**





# 2025 Spring Road Report



## Public Works Department

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

**Road Signs** - We continue to replace signs that are stolen or damaged. 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** - We will also replace pipes and install culverts on various roads in preparation for chipping next year.

**Stormwater** - Quite a few residents have seen an increase of water running by or ponding on their property. In most cases this is not a fixable problem, but one caused by the fact we now get



Street Sweeping was completed on all township roads last week. Washington Township also completed street sweeping on Elizabethtown Boro's streets this month.

storms dumping 3 inches of rain water instead of the 1 inch storms we used to get in the past. Most people have noticed this change, especially those of us who live in drainage areas. Water does and always will flow downhill—we can't change that. Also, it is important that we regenerate water into the ground when ever possible, to slow down erosion and resupply our ground water resources. DO NOT run your roof or other run off on to you 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**

**Firetrucks).** 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 does not have a road surfacing scheduled this year. Our surface treatment we use on our roads is Seal Coating with a Fog Seal. The road is coated with an emulsion and a layer of 1b stones put down. In about two weeks the Seal Coated streets are 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 for many 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 cut 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 and bushes will be cut a minimum of 4' from the edge of the blacktop and the landscaping removed.



Low hanging overhead wires were removed from the township property. The process to remove the wires was started in July of 2024 and was recently completed.

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## What's Happening at the Loyalton Park

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

Rental of the pavilion includes picnic tables, a grill, and is adjacent to a playground to keep the kids entertained. The pavilion has the capacity to seat 40 people. Electricity and water are also available.

A \$50 fee has been established for the use of the facility along with a \$60 refundable deposit. The deposit is refunded after your event and successful site inspection by township staff.

Contact the township office at 717.362.3191 or email [washingtontownship@wtwp.org](mailto:washingtontownship@wtwp.org) for availability, reservations and questions.



Loyalton Park Facility

## Upper Dauphin Youth Softball Association

Ball practice is in full swing at the Loyalton Park. The Upper Dauphin Youth Softball Association is using the Loyalton Park Ballfield for practice and games. Games are scheduled to begin week of April 21st. Stop by and support this awesome group of athletes!



## HKRS Returns to Loyalton Park

The Healthy Kids Running Series, (HKRS) Northern Dauphin, has returned to the Loyalton Park for another spring season of fun along with a special theme planned for each week!

Five weeks of running once a week, held on the following Sundays: April 6, 13, 27, May 4 & 11 with race time beginning at 4PM. Kids ages 2 through high school can participate in the running series.

Even though the series has begun, there is still time to register at <https://healthykidsrunningseries.org/race-locations/northern-dauphin-pa/>



Healthy Kids Running Series -Spring 2025 Season

## Traffic Counting Program

Beginning March through November of this year, PennDOT will be contracting with National Data & Surveying Services, to collect traffic data on municipality owned roads. The 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.

The following township roads were selected in PennDOT's Local Traffic Counting Program during 2025.

- ⇒ Locust Road between Henninger Road & Municipal Line
- ⇒ Harman Lane between Mattis Mill Road and Turn Around

- ⇒ Big Run Drive between SR209
- ⇒ Wert Road between SR4008 and Municipal Line
- ⇒ Weaver Lane between Cul-de-sac and SR225
- ⇒ Green Acres Ave between Oak Street & Park Drive
- ⇒ Schaffer Road between deadend and SR1006
- ⇒ Kentucky Drive between SR1021 and Tennessee Ave.
- ⇒ Ash Street between Park Drive and Oak Street
- ⇒ Savidge Road between SR4008 and Municipal Line
- ⇒ Mohr Road between Deadend and Lenker Drive
- ⇒ Stone Hill Road between SR209 and Second Street
- ⇒ Lenker Road between Shiffers Mill Rd & Mohr Road
- ⇒ Lois Drive between SR209 and Cul-de-sac



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**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 roadway 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 Elizabethtown 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'. 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.

The purpose of the right of way is to contain the roadway, drainage area and

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

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 the township office.

**Equipment**— We are working on ordering a New 10 wheel Dump Truck to replace the 2006 Dump Truck. We expect delivery sometime in 2026.

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 intersections and turn arounds on various roads. 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



Washington Township is looking to replace the 2006 Freightliner with a new 10 wheel Freightliner Dump Truck to be paid for by a grant that the township received last year.

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 Cale Welker for snow plowing this past winter.

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.

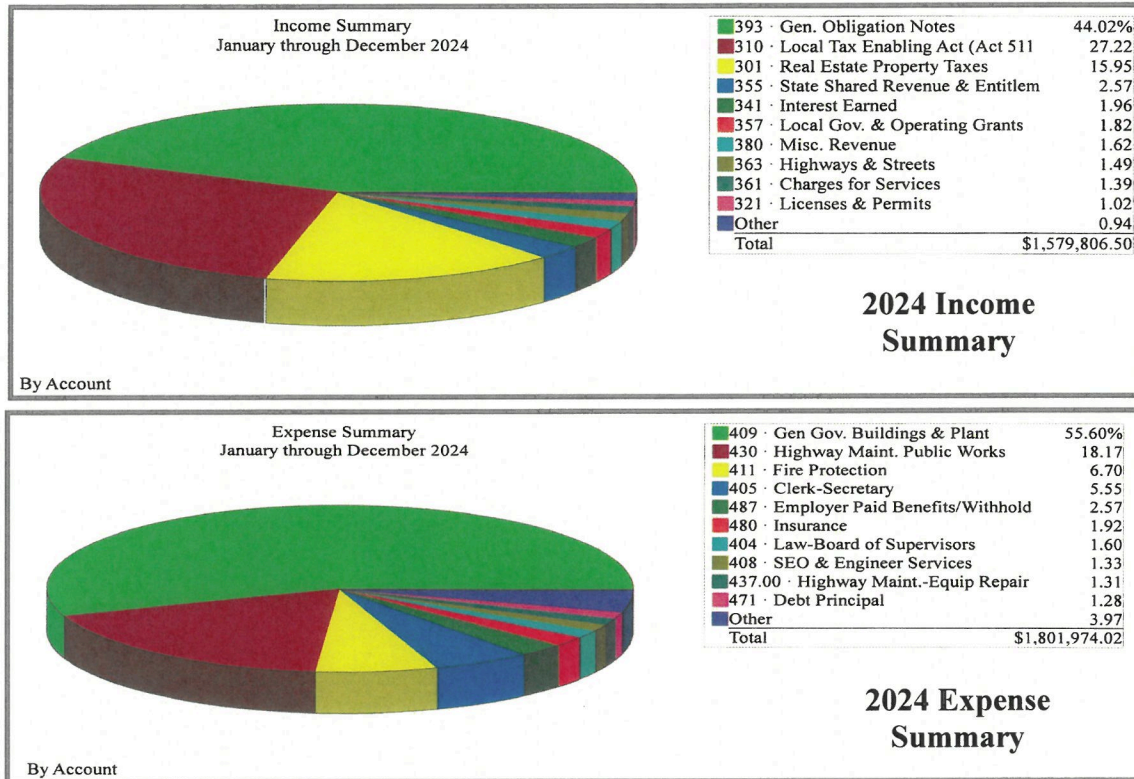


Boring Process Underway to move the township building's overhead wires underground.



# Township Budget Report

Income and expense graph summarizing the total revenues and operating expenses during Washington Township's 2024 fiscal year.



**2025 Budget at a Glance:** The Washington Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2025 Budget during their December 17, 2024 meeting.

The **General Fund** is the primary operating fund and is used to finance the daily and long-term operations of the Township. The budget continues to improve the infrastructure to the municipal facilities and upgrade/replace essential equipment & vehicles for road maintenance, with no reduction of services to the community.

## Tax Levies:

- \* No change to the 2025 municipal real estate tax, remains at 1.47 mills generating \$180,600 in revenues.
- \* The Fire Protection Services Agreement between Reliance Hose Company # 1 and the Township was renewed, December 2024. The agreement included a fire protection tax increase from .70 mills to 1.05 mills generating \$129,000 in revenues. The tax dollars enable the volunteer fire department to replace essential equipment, ensuring they continue to provide top service to our community.

- \* Local Services Tax remains at \$52 per year, generating \$70,000 in revenue.
- \* Earned Income Tax Remains at 1%, generating \$300,000 in revenue.
- \* Per Capita Tax Remains at \$5.00 per person, generating \$6500 in revenue.
- \* Washington Township was awarded \$250,000.00, in funding from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account (LSA) - Statewide Program. The grant funds will be used to purchase a Tandem Axle Truck with an attached salt spreader and snowplow. Thank you so much DCED! Needless to say, we are very appreciative to receive this funding.
- \* The amount that was drawn from the General Obligation Note to fund last year's addition and renovations to the municipal building totaled \$976,210.52. We continue to explore opportunities to secure additional grant funding to pay off the debt.
- \* Budgeted \$136,280.00 to bank loan payments for the debt incurred for the roof over project and the general obli-

gation note.

- \* Budgeted \$299,000 Equipment/vehicle purchases to replace the 2006 Freightliner with a Tandem Axle Truck with attached salt spreader/snowplow; Replace Trailers.
- \* Budgeted \$16,000 to building maintenance to upgrade heat in shop area and to seal parking lots.

## Special Assessment Taxes:

- \* The special assessment taxes for Fire Hydrant maintenance remains at .22 mills generating \$7,900 in revenue and Street Lights remain at .60¢ per foot generating \$12,800 in revenue.
- \* **Liquid Fuels Funds:**
- \* Washington Township was allocated \$127,376.13 in liquid fuels tax funds. The funds are used exclusively for the maintenance of township roads.

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.





# Spring Cleanup – Saturday, May 3, 2025 8 AM-3 PM



**Where does it all come from, twice a year, every year!**

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.

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.

Items will only be accepted on Saturday.

Have questions whether or not an item will be accepted for disposal? Call us at 717.362.3191 or email us at [washingtontownship@wtwp.org](mailto:washingtontownship@wtwp.org) prior to cleanup day.

## 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** includes 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](http://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 Program

Dauphin County offers a curbside program to legally dispose of household hazardous waste products (HHW) to all Dauphin County households for FREE, one time per year. There are 178,000 households in Dauphin County. The County's contract offers 20 household stops per month, or 240 annually at an approximate expense of \$435 per stop. Bookings are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. The HHW Program is currently booked through July 2025. If you have HHW to dispose of you can call 800-449-7587 to ask if there are

any remaining bookings available for this year.

However, If no collection program is available in your community you may legally discard the HHW in your regular trash pickup provided: You have read the label and complied with any disposal directions.

- Liquids have either been allowed to evaporate (if water based) or absorbed (if non-water based) on some material such as vermiculite, cat litter, or sawdust so there are no freestanding liquids.

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## 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 of the street light to [washingtontownship@wtwp.org](mailto:washingtontownship@wtwp.org).



Allow 5-10 days for the repairs to be made.

## On Lot Sewage System Upkeep

Washington Township has been delegated to ensure that every on lot sewage disposal system 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 on the same year their five-year on lot septic tank pumping is due, of which is determined by the date of the last pumping receipt on record at the Township office.

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.

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- The remaining residue has been packaged to prevent leakage while the material is being transported to the disposal facility.
- The material is placed out in small quantities, over several collection periods.

To learn more about HHW and how to properly dispose,

visit the PA Dept. Of Environmental Protection's website [Household Hazardous Waste pa.gov](http://HouseholdHazardousWaste.pa.gov).

The County is working on scheduling a one (1) day annual drop off event for HHW. This would provide the opportunity for all Dauphin County residents to dispose of HHW. Stay tuned, there may be something in the works during 2026.

## Elizabethville Borough

### Yard & Craft Days - June 6 & 7

Elizabethville Borough will be hosting their annual Yard & Craft Days the first Friday and Saturday in June!

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.

## Upper Dauphin Council of Governments Undertakes Study to Address Region's EMS Challenges

**Halifax, PA (December 17, 2024)** - The Upper Dauphin Council of Governments (UDCOG), comprised of elected officials of municipalities in northern Dauphin County, today announced it has undertaken a study to address challenges facing the region's emergency medical services (EMS) system. The study will inform the development of a regional plan to sustain high-quality EMS for area residents.

"EMS organizations throughout the country are experiencing significant challenges including declining voluntary membership subscriptions, inadequate insurance reimbursements and staff shortages," said Christopher Dietz, president of the UDCOG. "EMS organizations in the Upper Dauphin region have not been immune to these challenges. Add in growing call volumes and increasing costs to operate and we have a scenario that puts our local EMS system at risk."

A recent survey of the region's emergency services providers and municipal officials found that 50% believe local EMS providers are at risk of closing. Ninety

percent of respondents reported their biggest challenges are volunteer declines; increasing costs; and lack of community financial support. 90% percent of respondents also indicated that a new model emphasizing financial stability is needed; and 80% indicated a new model emphasizing professional staffing is needed.

Per state law, local municipalities are legally obligated to provide emergency services in Pennsylvania, Dietz notes.

"It is critical that local leaders and the citizens they represent are aware of the situation our EMS system is facing," Dietz said. "Unless our local municipalities address this issue together, the system may not be able to provide emergency care when you or a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker needs it."

The EMS system in northern Dauphin County is further strained because the region is a rural area.

"With fewer EMS resources and a population spread out over a large area, response times to 911 calls can be danger-

ously long," Dietz said. "A cardiac arrest patient, for example, can't wait over a half hour for an EMS response from outside our region because a closer unit is on another call or isn't staffed and available."

The study is engaging Upper Dauphin region EMS providers, fire companies, municipal officials and other community stakeholders. The UDCOG expects to complete the study by spring 2025, after which it will present recommendations to its participating municipalities and to the general public to create a better and sustainable EMS system for the region. ROBB Consulting, LLC, a multi-disciplinary firm that specializes in solutions for EMS agencies, fire companies and local government, is conducting the study for UDCOG.

Northern Dauphin County residents are encouraged to learn more and get involved by attending their local municipal public meetings and contacting their local elected officials to voice support for a sustainable solution for EMS in Upper Dauphin County.





Washington Township  
Dauphin County  
185 Manors Road  
Elizabethville, PA 17023

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Millersburg, PA 17061  
Permit Number 8



1975 Loyalton Twins

**Address Service Requested**



## Reliance Hose Company No. 1

### Volunteering Since 1889

### 2024 STATS

Reliance Hose Company responded to 191 dispatches for a total of 1873.24 hours.

Members held a total of 43 Thursday evening trainings and 22 State fire and /or DOH training for a total of 1635.38 hours. Fire prevention, education and public service totaled 248.43 hours and non-response/ non-training totaled 1425.35 hours.

The time commitment during 2024 totaled 5182.4 hours.

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, June 7th Chicken BBQ**  
**Look for tickets to go on presale!**



### Control Burns

Any time you are going to do a control burn make sure you call Dauphin County Communication and let them know when and for how long.

County keeps a log just in case a passerby would call it in.

**Dauphin County's**  
**Non Emergency Number Is:**

**717-558-6900**

***Thank you for Supporting your Volunteer Fire Company***

