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PA 233 Corridor Study Continues

The Township is continuing its work on a study that will identify a recommended future land use pattern to guide anticipated growth along the PA 233 corridor (Centerville Road) between the Ritner Highway and Walnut Bottom Road. The Township Supervisors and Planning Commission have been actively involved in planning for the future of this important corridor.

The study corridor has been the site of major new development, with millions of square feet of new warehousing space being created over the past decade. More development is likely or is already being planned and will greatly affect travel demand and traffic patterns in the future. Because of this the Township Supervisors and Planning Commission have been working **proactively** to assure that the current “flavor” of our mostly rural and agricultural community be safe-guarded as much as possible. There is serious effort being put forth to best protect our residents from a magnitude of environmental concerns, including noise and excessive lighting, and manage where large trucks are traveling within the township. There is a real concern for the safety of all our community, including those who rely on horse and buggy transportation.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania gives the state’s municipalities the authority to manage land use. The study itself is intended to result in a recommended land use plan that will improve safety and mobility throughout the corridor, by making recommendations as to how land should be managed in a way that will benefit the community the most. Study outcomes will include a listing of recommended projects and land use management tools and policies.

The Township hosted a study open house on October 4 to listen to what residents had to say concerning

growth and economic development within the study corridor. A second open house is being planned in coming weeks and will give Township residents the opportunity to review draft recommendations before they are considered by the Township Supervisors. **Township residents are encouraged to participate.** If you are unable to attend the open house, please send your comments to the Township so that your thoughts can be considered in this important project.

The study is being funded by a \$28,000 grant from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s Regional Connections Program, along with a \$12,000 match from Penn Township. *Michael Baker International* is the consultant working with the Township on the study.

For more information, please contact the Township office at 486-3104.

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Penn Township Personnel***Zoning Hearing Board***

Todd Vogelsong - Chair
Linwood Clippinger - Vice-Chair
Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

Planning Commission

Dan Ries— Co- Chair
Gary Cribbs – Co-Chair
Marcia Leeds - Secretary
Victor Barrick
Kathy Hughes
Dennis Shoff
Wayne Stevenson

Fire Company Executive Officers

John Wardle— President 776-7266
Gary Martin— Vice President
Wayne Hockensmith – Treasurer
Pat Sangialosi - Secretary
Mary McGarry -Assistant Secretary
Cindia Whistler— Financial Secretary
John Wardle Jr-Chaplain
Cindia Whistler—Facility Contact

Fire Company Line Officers

Chris Alleman. – Fire Chief
Doug Stumm – Deputy Chief
Ryan Finky - Assistant Chief
Tim Knepp—EMS Chief
Tyler Wardle - Captain
Dan Define—Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Mary Wert – President
Evie Seiders – Vice President
Sandy Morrison – Secretary
Marcia Leeds – Treasurer
Kay Kann – Financial Secretary
Anna Group—Trustee
Judy Hockensmith – Trustee
Joyce Wardle—Trustee

Fire/Police Members

Jim Sheaffer - Captain	Ron Tritt
Ricky Stitt - Lieutenant	Ira Wagner
Leon Kitner	John J Wardle Jr
Art Danner	Robert Alleman
Wayne Hockensmith	Grace Hernandes
Steve Cohick	Pamela Sheaffer
Richard Cook	

Fire Company Trustees

Jim Sheaffer	Richard Cook
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Tim Knepp	

Emergency Management Coordinator

Robert Kough, Jr. – 226-6537 Ernie Beecher - Deputy

Codes Enforcement Officer

Tim Knepp, Sr. John Sheaffer—Assistant
Paul Seiders—Assistant

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

Loan Grant Coordinator

Buck Shuller

2016 Township Calendar

All meetings are held at the Township building , 1301 Centerville Road, Newville, PA at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

January

- 4 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 9 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 13 Zoning Hearing Board
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 PTVFC Breakfast

February

- 10 Zoning Hearing Board
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 13 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 28 PTVFC Breakfast

March

- 5 PTVFC Soup Sale
- 9 Zoning Hearing Board
- 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 12 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 PTVFC Easter Egg Hunt
- 27 PTVFC Easter Breakfast

NOTE: Fire Company BINGO is held every Friday night, 7:00 at the Fire Hall

**PENN TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
SOUP SALE
March 5, 2016**

Ham Bean and Beef Vegetable Soup by the Quart

\$5.50 per Quart (containers will be provided)

Soup Will be Available to be picked up between 12:00 PM
(Noon) and 1:00 PM

ADVANCED ORDERS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED

ORDER BY CALLING 717-776-3089 OR 717-249-4667
Please Order by February 26, 2016

Board of Supervisors

The complete minutes of the Supervisors' Meetings are available, once they are approved, at the Township Building or on our website, www.penntwpcc.org.

October 2015

- Approved Wolf Subdivision Plan
- Approved purchase of new furnace for shop
- Approved new Landlord/Tenant Ordinance replacing Ordinances 2000-2 and 2010-2
- Approved purchase of new backhoe Andrew Kerr through COSTARS

November 2015

Accepted bid by Fultz Excavating to purchase old backhoe

December 2015

- Approved Ordinance 2015-8 Establishing Speed Limits for: Beecher Drive; Bradi Drive; David Glenn Drive; Deer Ridge Lane; Fox Hollow Lane; Irish Gap Road; High Mountain Road; Peach Orchard Road; Seavers Road; Smith Road; Kelly Road; McCullough Road; Farm Road South
- Approved 2016 Budget
- Accepted resignation of Bert Myers from the Zoning Hearing Board
- Approved appointment of Wayne Stevenson as an Alternate to the Planning Commission
- Approve dates for 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Approved reduction of the Treasurer's bond

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

While it has been a quiet Winter so far, please watch for snowplows. Remember, the driver often times is unable to see you (see next page), so please watch for him.

Parking is not allowed at any time along any Township roadway. During plowing operations it interferes with plowing and the vehicle may be struck. If we must tow a vehicle, it will be at the owner's expense.

Please remember, it is a violation of Township Ordinance 2007-2 to push, shovel or otherwise deposit snow on any Township or State road.

The Township is not responsible for any mailboxes damaged by snow flying off the plows.

Do not place trash receptacles in the roadway. Put them off to the side of the road as best as possible.

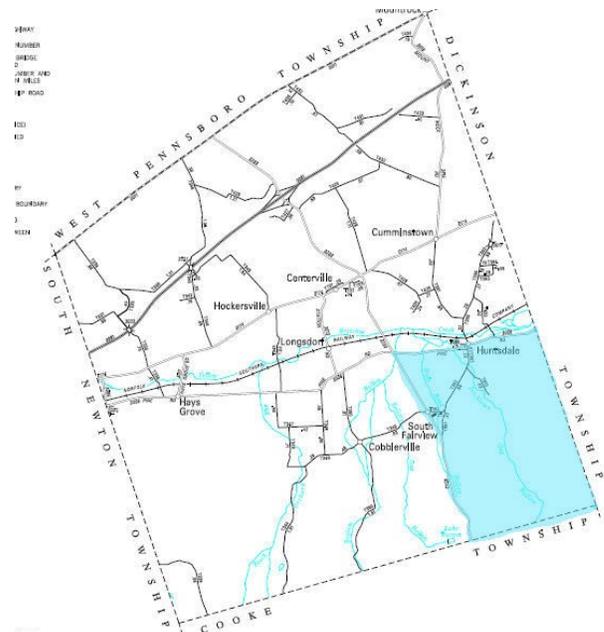
SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, April 30, 2016

The fire company will be having a Pot Pie Supper with Beef, Chicken and Ham Pot Pie. Watch the newspaper for additional information.

DISTRICT 2 MANDATORY SEPTIC PUMPING

If you live in the shaded area below, your septic tank was to have been pumped by December 31, 2015. If you have not had it done, please make arrangements to have pumped immediately. If you take no action, the Township will be forced to take legal action.



Know About the “No Zone”

Sharing the roads with large trucks is a real safety concern for those driving passenger cars. But one important point to remember is that a large tractor trailer or snow plow creates “blind spots” that limit the truck driver’s ability to see all areas around the vehicle. If you drive within these areas the trucker won’t be able to see your car.

This area is easy to locate. Remember, if you can’t see the trucks mirrors, then the truck driver can’t see

you. Steer clear of these blind spots so that the truck driver won’t pull into your lane. Driving in the No Zone also limits your visibility to the side or front, so please avoid them.

The diagram below illustrates the No Zones around a snow plow; very applicable this time of year. Sharing the road with large commercial vehicles is a necessity and can be done safely. Just be patient and avoid the NO ZONE.



Fireplace & Wood Stove Safety Reminder From The Fire Company

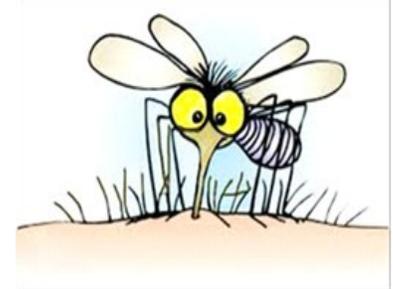
Please remember to have your chimney cleaned and checked every year.

Dispose of ashes responsibly. Put them in a safe non-combustible, airtight container to cool. **DO NOT PLACE ASHES IN YOUR TRASH TOTE.** Cooled ashes should be dumped in a safe location. Ashes will remain hot enough to start a fire for several days.

If anyone in the township has plastic ice cream containers with lids, the fire company is greatly in need of them. If you would like to donate them to the company, please call Tammy Duncan at 717-609-2050 so they can be picked up or someone is available at the fire house to receive them. Thank you for your support.

A Note from the Cumberland County Vector Control Office-

It is never too early to start cleaning up properties to reduce mosquito breeding areas. Gutters, birdbaths, toys, flower pots, corrugated pipes, and tire ruts can all produce hundreds of mosquitoes in a very short time. Furthermore, mosquitoes can fly a mile from where they hatched searching for a blood meal; making Francis Janicki mosquito management a COMMUNITY effort. Residents should identify these mosquito breeding habitats on their property- and then **remove** the water source or **apply a control product**- to keep their whole neighborhood healthy.



The West Nile Virus Control Program's objective is to reduce expected morbidity and mortality, health care costs, and the financial impact that WNV outbreaks would have upon Commonwealth industries. The program is funded and directed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and implemented through the County's Vector Control office, which monitors this mosquito-borne disease at over 150 sites. Waters known to breed mosquitoes are treated with naturally occurring bacteria to reduce mosquito populations before they can ever bite someone. When an adult control spray is necessary, information is posted on the County's website 48 hours prior to treatment. You can sign up for "**Notify Me**" emails to stay informed on these events.



Please visit our website for more information and contact us with any questions or concerns.
www.ccpa.net/westnile
717-240-7808

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors is looking for a few good citizens. There are currently 3 vacancies on the Zoning Hearing Board, one regular member and two voting alternates.

The Zoning Hearing Board consists of 3 members, and 2 voting alternates serving staggered 3 year terms. The Zoning Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body that rules on requests for variances, special exceptions, and curative amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

The ZHB meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, when necessary, with a minimum of 4 quarterly meetings per year.

If you are a community-oriented individual interested in helping to guide Penn Township through the challenges that lie ahead, please complete and submit a position application, on the reverse of this page, or call the Township office during normal working hours (M-F 7:00 to 2:00) or talk to a Supervisor.



**PENN TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241**

Email: penntwp@kuhncom.net

Tel: 717-486-3104

Fax: 717-486-3522

Website: www.penntwpcc.org

POSITION APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Position: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Do you have a valid drivers license? Yes / No (circle one)

List your skills, qualifications and interests that relate to this position, or attach personal resume, if applicable:

Email Address Collection -

The township is collecting email addresses to be able to efficiently deliver the newsletter and emergency information to our residents.

If you are interested in receiving information by email, please sign-up at

www.penntwpcc.org

- Community Information
 - Newsletter
- (sign up or cancellation of subscription)

Like us on Facebook for emergency alerts and information on road closures.



Newsletter Advertising

The PENN TIMES is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October), and offers area businesses the opportunity to advertise their businesses to all of the residents of the township. Advertisements may be changed to fit the seasons. Seasonal businesses may choose to advertise in the issue that is closest to their peak season.

The following are the prices for advertising in the 2014 PENN TIMES:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost/Issue</u>	<u>Cost/Year</u>
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$175
1/4 Page	\$100	\$350
1/2 Page	\$200	\$700
Full Page	\$400	\$1400

Contact the township office at 486-3104 to reserve your space and for newsletter deadline.

PENN TOWNSHIP SERVICES

- * Photo copies \$.25 each
- * Faxing \$1.00 first page— \$. 50 each additional page
- * Laminating \$1.00 per item
- * Notary work \$2.00 a seal (No DMV forms or titles)

The township will accept residential waste oil from vehicles

All services offered during normal business hours

Find Your Name

The names of two Township residents, selected randomly from township records, are “hidden” out of context somewhere in this newsletter. Find your name and we will treat you to a \$20 gift certificate to Saylor’s Market in Newville. If you find your name, claim the reward by stopping by Saylor’s Market before February 29. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.

CAN YOUR HOME BE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES??

There is a Township Ordinance that requires all homes to have the street number three inches high so that emergency vehicles can easily find your home. These street numbers are available for only \$10 from Pam Sheaffer, 776-7557. This is not-for-profit, and is done as a favor to the fire department.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Penn Township Board of Supervisors is looking for residents to serve on either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Hearing Board. Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month and Zoning Hearing Board on the second Wednesday of the month, when needed

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the Township Secretary at 486-3104 or speak with a supervisors.

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1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241

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Penn Township

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Office Hours:

January 4—April 3, 2016
October 31—December 31, 2016
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

April 4—October 30, 2016
Monday—Thursday
7:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Township Staff

Board of Supervisors

Gary Martin, Chairman
Ken Sheaffer, Vice-Chairman
Amos Seiders, Supervisor

Township Engineer

Brehm-Lebo Engineering, Inc.

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Vincent Elbel

Township Secretary

Vicki Knepp

Township Tax Collector

Mable Stitt

Zoning Officer

Tim Knepp, Sr.
Paul Seiders, Assistant
Jim Sheaffer, Assistant

Township Treasurer

Martha Sheaffer

Road Master

Jeff Gillaugh

Township Auditors

Charles Leeds, Chairman
James Proctor, Secretary
Max Klein

Township Solicitor

Marcus McKnight, III

Employee

Ernie Beecher
Alan Hostetter