

Penn Township Sampler

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Henry A. Holman, II
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Public Meetings

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Last Wednesday of the Month
7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Third Monday of the Month
7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
First Wednesday of the Month
7:00 p.m.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Third Thursday of the Month
7:00 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD
&
UCC BOARD OF APPEALS
As needed

All meetings are held at the Municipal
Building at 100 Municipal Building Road

Contacts

www.penntownship.net

Township Office 834-5281
Township Highway Dept. 834-4938
Municipal Authority Office 834-6926
Township Police Office 834-6414
Police – Emergencies – 911
To leave a message for
Township Police 582-4311

Township Motto

Lean, Efficient, Courteous, Service Oriented

Meet the New Supervisor – Vincent Bernhard

Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA., attended high school at Holy Ghost Prep in Bensalem, PA, college at Gannon University in Erie, PA. and served a 26 year career retiring as a Colonel from the U.S. Army. My career took me to both the European and Asian continents along with assignments to several states within the United States. It began with basic training at Fort Indiantown Gap and launched a career in Transportation, Government Contracting, and National and International Logistics. Responsibilities included leading/supervising soldiers, civilians, and foreign country soldiers and citizens including water port operations in Korea and culminating with duty at the Pentagon, Washington DC.

Additionally, I worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in both the Department of Corrections and the Department of Welfare and worked as a Consultant and Program Manager at the New Cumberland Army Depot.

Married to Karen, we have 6 children and 16 grandchildren scattered throughout Maryland, New Jersey, and Florida.

My goal is to ensure that the voice of all citizens is heard and that the resident's safety, security, and well being are paramount in all decisions made by the Supervisors.

I am available to all individuals and/or groups within the township and can be contacted through the township office to schedule a meeting or to have a call returned.

New Police Officer – Mark Jackson

Penn Township is pleased to introduce our new part-time police officer, Mark Jackson; he is from Lancaster, PA and fresh from the Police Academy. He is his training period with the Chief. Please welcome him to the area when you see a new face in the police vehicles.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Penn Township Municipal Authority is Very Happy to announce that for a second year in a row there will be a rate reduction for sewer customers. Rates will be reduced another \$5.00 to \$60 per month this year, we understand every little bit helps! Now we need your help, the expenses have been cut hard but we can do better and that is where you can help. Sump pumps, rain spouts, and floor drains, add water to the sewer system that should not be there. Not only do these sources of infiltration add excess burden on the system they are illegal to be attached to your sewer system. By ordinance, sump pumps, rain spouts, and floor drains that are attached to the sewer system are subject to as much as a \$1000 per day fine. PLEASE, make sure these sources of waste water are not being introduced to the sewer system, it could save you more than you think!

Bids have been received from contractors for a much needed repair of a jointly used sewer line on Market Street in the borough of Duncannon. The bad news is Penn Township Municipal Authority is responsible for a portion of the repair costs because we use this line also. The good news is the bids came in lower than expected, and the BETTER news is we have received grant money to cover the entire cost of the project. The grant was made possible because the residents of Penn Township helped the Municipal Authority in completing an income study that was required for us to apply for the grant. THANK YOU!

What are we up to now; well in January we applied for grant money to start repairs of water lines and the addition of Fire Hydrants on Sunshine Hill. We also have had meetings with a developer for the addition of a water tower and water treatment building that could supply much needed storage water for Sunshine Hill in exchange, we would take over the system and provide water to the development at same price you pay for water.

Do you have an interest to serve on the board, working on grants, negotiating with developers, making decisions that affect Penn Township, send your resume to the Municipal Authority for review; we currently have one position open.

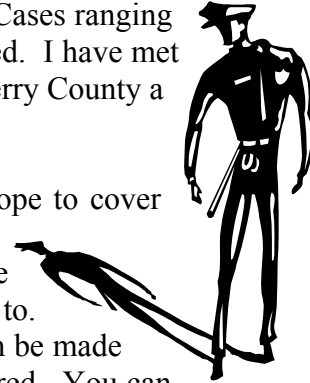
Sewer and Water Customers

You may pay your sewer and water bills in person at the Authority office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You may also make payments at the Township office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, there is a secure drop-off box mounted in the door at the rear parking lot. This drop-off box can be used at any time for payments or information being provided to the Township and Authority offices.

Newsletter

The year 2009 has been a busy year for the police department. Cases ranging from dog complaints to homicide have been received and handled. I have met quite a few people during the year and find this assignment in Perry County a good one.

With the addition of Officer Mark Jackson of Lancaster, we hope to cover two shifts by Spring of 2010. We value the assistance of the Pa. State Police; however, you have a police department that we hope you feel comfortable with and somewhere you can turn to. Calls to County Control in New Bloomfield (717) 582-4311, can be made and requests for the Penn Twp Police specifically can be answered. You can also call the station at 717.834.6414 and leave a message on the answering machine.



We urge each of you to start the Spring and Summer conscientiously and beware this is the season for those individuals selling meats and other items out of the back of their vehicles. A solicitor's permit must be obtained by anyone doing such business in this township. You may ask to see that permit before dealing with these people. If they can not display the permit, advise them to go to the township building and apply for one. Also, please call the police that we may check them out while in the township going door to door without the permit.

This is also the time when driveway sealants and roof repairs are solicited. Again, refrain from doing business until they are checked out by this department. Do not let two or more persons soliciting at your door to separate. Burglaries are known to occur when one solicitor is talking about the product while the second goes around the back and enters your home. Do not let any solicitor into your home, talk through the door. Soliciting over the phone also continues in the township. Be wary of deals that are too good to be true.

Controlled burning in the township must meet the ordinance on what type of material can be burned. This has been an ongoing problem as well during the year. Please call the township secretary if you have questionable material, don't wait for a complaint and have your police department tell you your fire is unacceptable and offensive to your neighbors. Please, call the Perry County dispatch if you are having a controlled burn so they are aware of the area in case they receive calls.

Please enjoy the spring and summer, buckle up and stay safe.

Paul L Sheaffer, Chief

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Winter classes: Recently, we had a very valuable member of the board resign and she did a lot of the leg work for these programs. The end result is we're still planning to have some but it maybe a couple of weeks to schedule. In the mean time please call or write or e-mail the township office with your suggestions or volunteer to teach a program.

The Wreck Room: Three or four years ago, a couple of the Board members surveyed the basement of the township building – possibilities abounded if you could see past what must have been 50 years of accumulation. With a lot of volunteer time and assistance from the township staff, The Wreck Room has finally been completed. For the past year, it has been utilized by some of our adult education programs, 2 Halloween parties, and our Girl Scouts two nights every month.

It is now time for The Wreck Room to fulfill one of the original reasons for its creation, a youth coffee house – a place where the youth can gather and relax and entertain each other. The plan is for the room to be open 2 nights a month. More time can be added if we see heavy participation. There's a stage for those who want to entertain the group. If you play acoustic guitar, you are a poet, a singer, or just an amateur Karaoke person, come on down. Free beverages (coffee, tea, and hot chocolate) will be available, and soda and bottled water a minimal cost.

So, when it's too cold to be out, come on down to the Wreck Room Board games are available; who knows, maybe, even some help with your homework. So watch the cable channel for its opening.

OIL PAINTING - As last time it will be a 10 week program with classes meeting Tuesdays from March 27, 2010 until May 25th at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The course is designed for new never before used oil paints to advance beginners. Our class will complete 2 to 3 paintings plus learn about different painting techniques. Special focus on painting clouds, water and trees.



The cost of materials will be the responsibility of the student. A material list will be handed out the first day of class.

If you wish to sign up for these classes contact the Township Office at 834-5281 or Jim at 834-3125. Leave your name and number.

MARCH BBQ – The Park and Recreation Board will have a Chicken BBQ on March 27, 2010 starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be on sale starting March, watch the community channel more information



Under Cover



This March the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) made available grant money to purchase and plant trees. With about a week and half notice, the Parks and Recreation Board with help from Helen Klinepeter, put the application together and off to DCNR. The effort paid off and the Township will receive grant from DCNR along with matching funds from the Park and Recreation.

The next step was for 4 members from the Township to go to a DCNR tree planting school. Once we were notified in writing by DCNR, we had to submit a plot plan for the trees. The goal of our plot plan is to fill in holes in the canopy creating a picnic grove on the hill behind the salt shed. The grant gives us the ability to buy larger trees whereby achieving results quicker.

Currently we are awaiting the completion of the plot plan, but it will call for between 25 and 30 trees. We have selected red oak, red maple, and sugar maple for the trees. They grow faster than other species, blend with the current trees, and are ore drought tolerant. It may not happen in my lifetime so just consider it a deposit on our future for our children and grandchildren.

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AND
HERSHEY**

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**Sign up for the Penn Township
Citizens' Group Newsletter at
penntwpcg@yahoo.com
Please include your name.**

**<<< Our first issue is due Feb. 15.
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~ What lies behind us and what
lies before us are small matters
compared to what lies within us.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Perry Foods Inc.
Wholesale
Meats and Provisions

DONALD J. MERVINE

3 Gambers Corner Road Phone: (717) 834-9837
P.O. Box 23 Cell: (717) 991-4960
Duncannon, PA 17020 FAX: (717) 834-5767

Duncannon Emergency Medical Services Inc.
16 Shermanta Drive – Duncannon , PA 17020
Office: (717) 834-5904 Fax: (717) 834-9346
duncannonems@yahoo.com

What is Duncannon E.M.S.?

Duncannon E.M.S. Inc. is your local, not-for-profit provider of emergency medical treatment and transportation services for the ill and injured residents and transients of eastern Perry County .

Duncannon E.M.S....

- Was dispatched to 1097 calls in 2009
- Provides E.M.S. to Duncannon Borough, Reed Township , Penn Township , Wheatfield Township , New Buffalo Borough, and Watts Township
- Participates in the annual Relay For Life at Susquenita
- Provides E.M.S. standby services for numerous local activities and sporting events
- Is an American Heart Association-approved Training Center , providing first aid, CPR/AED, and numerous other training programs for the community, local businesses, local organizations, and the community at large.
- Participates in the Semi-Annual Prom Promise Mock Crash activities at Susquenita
- Participates in the annual Fire Prevention Week events at Susquenita Elementary School
- Participates with the local fire service in the Reflective Address Marker Program
- Coordinates and trains with the local law enforcement agencies
- Hosts numerous other training and community outreach programs each year
- Provides a meeting facility for the Perry County division of the Civil Air Patrol
- Local outreaches with daycare centers and similar facilities

Our fundraising activities include:

- 300-Person capacity banquet facility with full kitchen and available catering
- Annual subscription drive: May 1 – April 30 every year
- Monday Night Bingo, partnered with the Perry County Recreation Association – **Doors open every Monday night at 5:30PM and the games start at 6:45PM**
- Monthly Sunday Dinner – **The Fourth Sunday of each month from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**
- Duncannon E.M.S. Community Training Center – Email duncannonctc@yahoo.com for information
- Cookbook sale fundraiser going on now - \$10.00 each and available at Mutzabaughs or through our office
- Annual Pampered Chef Bingo – **Sunday March 7, 2010** – Call the office for details
- “Cow Patty Bingo” on **Saturday May 15, 2010** along with EMS Week Activities, Community Yard Sale, and Open House – Call the office for details
- Hoss’s Community Night every other month in Enola

Contact the Office anytime at (717) 834-5904 or via Email at duncannonems@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!

Kraig L. Nace, Company Chief/E.M.S. Coordinator
Duncannon Emergency Medical Services Inc.
Direct E-Mail: dems29nace@yahoo.com
Mayor, The Borough of Duncannon, Perry County, Pennsylvania

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The following Subdivision/Land Development Plans were approved between September 2009 and January 2010.


Mutzabaugh Fuel Depot Final Land Development
Charles Wolf Final Subdivision
Luther Byers Final Subdivision

As of the January 2010 meeting, the following Subdivision/Land Development Plans are pending:

Diocese of Harrisburg Final Subdivision Plan
Ryan and Jennifer Rohrer Final Subdivision Plan



MARTZ FARMS



Ken & Sandy Martz
211 Dellville Rd.
Duncannon, PA 17020
(717) 834-6351

* Fresh Produce * Hay * Straw

*~ Things will probably will
come all right, but sometimes
it takes strong nerves just to
watch.*

~ Headley Donovan

Perry County Recreation Association

PCRA is one of Penn Township's outdoor Recreational Facilities. Enjoy camping, fishing, picnicing and swimming. It is also a great place for small or large group activities. Become a PCRA member, our rates are very reasonable. Membership benefits include pool membership, access to our archery range; to Sherman's Creek, to the grounds for walking and for enjoying the outdoors; and discounted picnicing and camping. For more information contact Bill Stone at (717) 834-3578

Penn Township Board of Supervisors
100 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020-1100

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U.S. Postage Paid
Duncannon, PA 17020
Permit #3

Return Services Requested

TAX INFORMATON

The figures below illustrate the breakdown of real estate taxes to be paid by property owners in Penn Township to the three major taxing authorities in 2008. As you can see, a relatively small proportion of your real estate tax dollar goes to Penn Township. Real Estate Tax is based on an assessed value determined by the Board of Assessment of Perry County. Each entity of local government (county, school and township) sets its own tax rate. The major source of tax revenue for Penn Township is the earned income tax, also known as the Local Tax. Penn Township's tax rate is 1.8%. Penn Township receives 0.5% of the tax. The rest is designated for the school.

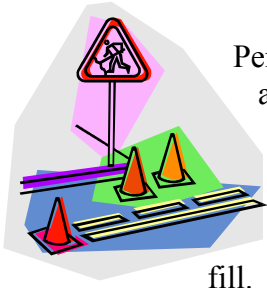


Penn Township .75 mils
3%

Susquenita School District – 17 mils
76%

Perry County – 4.7 mils
21 %

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department had a busy 2009. Rohrer Drive was completed along with the Perdix Paving Project, which consisted of Woodland, Drive, Firehouse Road, Hill Top Road, and Burley Road on both sides of SR 11/15. When not working on paving projects, the crew was cleaning gutters, patching pot holes and repairing equipment.

During the Spring/Summer of 2010, the crew will continue to clean the ditches and gutters along the Township roads. The Township is in need of places to dump the fill. If you have an area to place the fill and wish it delivered, contact the Township Office at (717) 83.4-5281. Leave your name and number and someone from the Highway Department will contact you.

Year 2010 will have the Highway Department working on the brush, inlets and hopefully the five roads that are being planned. Of course the costs of the contracts will be a deciding factor on which roads will be completed.

Success of Census Is in Your Hands Our Township Benefits When Everyone Participates

It has only 10 questions and takes only 10 minutes to answer.

What could be so easy? Census 2010, of course.

In a few short weeks, the official form will arrive in the mail. Hopefully, once you have the facts and understand what is at stake for you, your neighbors, our township, and Pennsylvania, you will pick up a pencil, fill out the questionnaire, and return it to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Because the truth is, your involvement really does matter and will determine if the commonwealth and communities like ours gain, or lose, in Census 2010.

What's the big deal?

Every decade, for 220 years, the federal government has been attempting to count every man, woman, and child living in the United States - all 390 million of them. Sure, the census is a complex, nationwide effort, but it's also a local, grassroots event, and its ultimate success or failure hinges on one factor: participation.

Still, what's the big deal if the U.S. Census Bureau misses a person or two? Well, Pennsylvania and its municipalities stand to lose two critical things, money and political power, if the commonwealth fails to achieve a full and accurate count in the weeks ahead.

Census 2010, like others before it, will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is allocated each year to communities nationwide. This money helps to support such things as local roads and bridges, emergency services, recreation and economic development programs, schools, job training, senior centers, and hospitals.

Our township, along with the rest of the state, could be short-changed tens of thousands of dollars for every person who isn't counted. In fact, researchers have estimated that 102,000 Pennsylvania residents were overlooked during Census 2000, a number equal to the populations of Altoona and Lancaster combined.

The federal government also relies on census numbers to determine how many legislators and how much political clout each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. With only 435 seats up for grabs, the competition is fierce.

Georgia, for instance, tracked down people during Census 2000 that would have otherwise been overlooked and gained two House seats. Meanwhile, Pennsylvania has seen its representation in the House dwindle from 36 representatives in 1920 to 19 in 2000. And if it's not careful this time around, the commonwealth could lose another congressional seat.

Closer to home, the census has an impact on state and local politics, too. Population numbers determine the legislative boundaries for members of Pennsylvania's General Assembly and help to establish where the lines for local election districts will be drawn.

In addition, demographic data collected through the relatively new American Community Survey, a census offshoot that has replaced the long form of years past, defines who we are as a nation, as a state, and as a community - namely, how and where we are living, what our age, income, and ethnicity is, and how the population is changing.

Of course, this information is helpful to state and federal policymakers, who rely on it to develop programs to reduce unemployment, expand low-income housing, and stimulate economic growth, but our township benefits from the data, too. Accurate information about who is living in our community helps the township supervisors make informed decisions, whether it's about recreation or building a new road.

'Good for your community'

The bottom line is that the process is safe and confidential.

According to the Census Bureau, the information gathered is used to produce statistics only. Your answers, it stresses, cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. In fact, bureau employees must take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the data's confidentiality. Under federal law, violators face fines of up to \$250,000 and five years in jail.

"Filling out the form will not increase your chances of getting called for jury duty; it will not mean that immigration agents will show up at your door; and no one will come looking for you for unpaid parking tickets," Gov. Ed Rendell said recently. "In fact, the census asks for less personal information than does a typical credit card application. The bottom line is that answering the questions is completely safe and good for your community."



South Perry RELAY FOR LIFE

WHEN: June 18-19, 2010 12 p.m. to 12 p.m.
WHERE: Susquenita High School
OPENING CEREMONY: 6 p.m.
SURVIVORS DINNER: 7 p.m.
LUMINARIA CEREMONY: 9 p.m.

**Food and entertainment --- Come and support the fight against Cancer
Form a team and Call Becky Miller 957-3666**

WEIGHT WATCHERS is coming to Penn Township

Weight Watchers will begin holding meetings at the Penn Township Municipal Building on March 13, 2010. The weigh in will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday Mornings and the meeting will start on at 8:30 a.m. Please come and enjoy the camaraderie and support of this group of people.

