

# Branch Communicator

August 2008

## Supervisors Meeting Notes

### Telephone Numbers

#### Supervisors:

Robert Keifer 544-2249  
Joseph Wank 544-3183  
John Purcell 544-5890

### Township Offices

Branch Police 544-2901  
Township Garage 544-3557  
Secretary/Treasurer Joyce Beach  
Township Manager  
John Andruchek 544-4283  
Sewage  
Tina Williams 544-1764

### Police Report

The Police officers traveled 2178 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 40 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 5 hearings at District Judges offices. There were 3 traffic citations issued and 13 criminal arrests.

The report covered the period 7/1/07 to 7/31/07

### In Memoriam

#### John (Huddy) Yarworsky

He served his nation and his community with Honor.

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### Llewellyn Good Intent Hose Co. 100th Year Anniversary Dinner Banquet

Sept 25 Thursday Mug Night  
Sept 26 Friday Banquet Night with speaker  
Sept 27 Saturday Parade, Pig roast, Hose and Barrel Competition, trophy awards ceremony, New Individuals band outdoors 6 to 10PM. Everyone welcome  
Contact Mr Sinko 570-527-0219 or see any member for tickets.

#### REMINDER

No parking on Willing and Railroad Sts on Saturday Sept. 27, 2008 9AM to 6PM. because of Fire Truck Parade.

Some contributors to the Annual Fund drive will receive a 2nd notice. Please disregard if you have already made your contribution.  
Thanks

### Hilltop Chapel to Reopen

The Hilltop Chapel, in Llewellyn opposite the school, will be opening up on Sunday September 7th. Tim Fetrow, son of the former pastor, and his wife Judy will begin their ministry with a weekly 9AM service. Announcements of special activities will be made as they go forward.

### Gravel road program

A grant of \$14,000.00 will be used to treat the Silverton Road from the Good Intent Hose Company in Llewellyn to the townships steel bridge just beyond the compost site. This will improve drainage and control dust on this stretch of road.

### Other Road Issues

Township workers are busy with Black Diamond and Church roads. They are fixing swales to control water flow and other measures to prepare these roads for work next year.

The posting of a weight limit on the Black Diamond road, tabled at the last meeting, was approved. A review of a similar posting by Reilly Township was upheld by the court and withstood an appeal by the State court of appeals.

Overheard but not official, PENN Dot will

be resurfacing the highway from the Bernosky intersection to the Turkey Hill intersection of 209 and 901.

### Correction

Last months Communicator reported that enactment of the proposed noise ordinance was tabled. That information is incorrect. The solicitor did give a brief explanation of the terms "noise and nuisance" as used in the ordinance. He was instructed to remove the phrase "between the hours of 11PM and 7AM" and the phrase "particularly between the hours of 11PM and 7AM". With these changes the ordinance was passed at the last meeting. This means that Noise and nuisance as determined by police officers will be an offense at anytime day or night under this ordinance.

Speaking of Noise, the pick-up of garbage at 2AM will be addressed to the hauler by supervisor Keifer.

### Blythe Water Authority

The supervisors were informed that a vacancy on the Blythe Water Authority is to be filled. The Supervisors will address a letter to the Blythe Township Supervisors requesting that Branch Township be allowed to nominate a candidate to fill that vacancy.

### County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The supervisors adopted a resolution to join the county Hazard Mitigation plan. The will make the township eligible for state and federal funding in the event of a hazmat disaster in the township.

### Pioneer Pole Buildings

Mr. Earl Jacoby, a representative of Pioneer addressed the supervisors about concerns about a pending sale of land in the South Gate development. He was advised that the matter will be addressed by the Planning Commission meeting on Sept 2nd.

### Compact Florescent Bulbs

If you break one, get out of the house for several hours and take extreme care cleaning up the debris. There is a collection point for the debris at the Minersville borough office.

# Sewage Authority

## Financial Data

Aug 2008

### Income

Court Income	509.94
Other Income	3,572.71
Permits	75.00
Tax Income	<u>25,383.44</u>

**Total Income** 29,541.09

### Expense

advertising	557.12
Building Inspector	127.63
Contractors	693.90
Electric	3,439.70
Engineering	1,013.00
Garbage	7,202.06
Insurance	3,617.80
Misc	30.18
Payroll Expenses	8,397.77
Payroll Taxes	3,753.52
postage	42.00
Road Work	650.00
Sewage	165.00
Solicitor	180.00
Supervisors	220.68
Tax Collections	624.19
Telephones	563.82
Truck & Equipmen	2,593.76
Utilities	<u>4,712.74</u>

**Total Expense** 38,584.87

**Net Income** -9,043.78

\$10,000.00 was moved from the Penn Vest account to cover the difference in expenses over income.

The meeting was the usual report of technical and legal matters. The plant is operating within all specification, there were 3 grinder pump calls, and the usual report of high and average daily flows.

5 delinquent clients are scheduled for water shut-off due to non payment of rates. Letters were sent to 25 delinquents resulting 5 paying in full and 7 more setting up a payment plan.

For the first time since the new rates went into effect the Authority had to dip into the reserve to cover operating costs. This was due to the need to purchase spare parts needed to make necessary repairs. Not all the required parts were purchased and Tina Williams has set up a purchase program to acquire additional spare parts on a continuing basis until a complete bench stock of parts are on hand.

The plant operator, Steve Ulceski reported on several measures he has taken to reduce operating costs. Since he has been on the job he has suggested many cost reduction items that will help keep the plant operating efficiently and keeping the rates from dramatic increases.

## Planning Commission

No August business presented therefore no August meeting. There will be a regular meeting on Sept 2nd. The Pioneer Pole buildings amendments to the South Gate Development will be discussed as well as any other matters.



## Schools are back in Session



**Drive with extreme caution!!!**

## News letter Sponsors

**Enbee Tax Service, Federal and State E-filing Service**  
available  
544-6583

**Don's Classis Restoration & Auto Body Inc**  
544-8209

**Up Coming Events** : The next supervisors meeting will be *Sept 29th* . Planning Commission September 2nd . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday Sept 18th 4:30 PM.

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