

# Branch Communicator

October 2008

## Supervisors Meeting Notes

### Telephone Numbers

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Township Manager  
John Andruchek 544-4283  
Sewage  
Tina Williams 544-1764

### Police Report

The Police officers traveled 2886 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 66 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 4 hearings at District Judges offices. There were 7 summary arrests and 2 criminal arrests.

The report covered the period 9/1/08 to 9/30/08

### Wings and things

The Good Intent Hose company of Llewellyn is serving Wings every Tuesday from 6PM until all are gone. They will also serve clams and peel and eat shrimp. Come out and support the Hose company while enjoying a tasty dinner.

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### Thanks PennDot

Penndot has installed additional signs to make the Left lane on Rte 209 approaching the Turkey Hill (Laddins for you old timers) intersection a must turn left lane. They also repainted the solid white line toward Kings Mall. Drivers should be aware that the left lane is for turns and when passing the intersection, keep right. Maybe the Cops can keep an eye on this area as nothing can fix stupidity.

### NOTE

Due to illness and a brief hospital stay I was unable to attend the last supervisors meeting and to follow up on the agenda provided. As a result, the following is just a brief restatement of what was on that agenda.

### Supervisors Convention

The supervisors and some of the auditors attended the annual Schuylkill County Supervisors Convention. They are usually able to bring new ideas and programs to light by attending.

### Recent Fires

The recent fires at the Marks junk yard and the suspected arson at a vacant house on Willing Street in Llewellyn were discussed. There were several fires at the Marks site that appear to be deliberate. All are being investigated.

### Friedens Lutheran Church

The ongoing dispute between the church and the South Gate development has resulted in the Church retaining a lawyer. The township has promised access to and copies of documents concerning the development.

### Winter is on the way!!!

The township has ordered road Salt in preparation for the coming poor driving conditions.

### 2009 Reorganization Meeting

This meeting will be held on Monday January 5th at 7 PM. Anyone interested in serving on any of the Township boards is invited to

make their desire know to the Supervisors.

### CDBG Grant Applications

Two resolutions to apply for grants were approved at the meeting. One grant is to extend the water line to the Good Intent Hose Company.

The second is for improvements to the township building.

### Local Services Tax

The township intends to adopt a Local Services Tax ordinance at a special meeting to be held on November 26th at 7PM. The tax will be levied against all persons working in the township and is expected to yield \$2,700.00 in new revenues. At a rate of \$52.00 each it will affect approximately 52 people in the township.



### Thanksgiving Day

Remember this is a day for giving thanks for all the blessing bestowed on us as Americans.

Given the results of the Historic Election America enjoyed we have much to be thankful for. Better days may be coming and we should all be thankful for the opportunity to participate in the changes.

# Sewage Authority

## Financial Data Oct 08

<b>Income</b>	
<b>Court Income</b>	194.60
<b>General Receipts</b>	3,994.01
<b>Other Income</b>	12,802.72
<b>Permits</b>	127.80
<b>Total Income</b>	17,119.13
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>advertising</b>	201.64
<b>Auditors</b>	50.00
<b>Building Inspector</b>	134.36
<b>Contractors</b>	5,198.60
<b>dues</b>	150.00
<b>Electric</b>	3,305.44
<b>Engineering</b>	215.00
<b>Garbage</b>	7,202.06
<b>Insurance</b>	3,987.97
<b>Misc</b>	136.60
<b>Office Expense</b>	145.79
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	10,216.32
<b>Payroll Taxes</b>	3,550.38
<b>Police</b>	83.58
<b>Road Work</b>	10,207.22
<b>Sewage</b>	165.00
<b>Solicitor</b>	180.00
<b>Supervisors</b>	374.50
<b>Tax Collections</b>	-1,285.51
<b>Telephones</b>	554.85
<b>Truck &amp; Equipment</b>	1,691.93
<b>Utilities</b>	1,684.77
<b>Total Expense</b>	48,150.50
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-31,031.37</b>

## Grinder Pumps

There were 3 grinder pump calls during this reporting period. A stuck float and clogged pump were quickly fixed. The third needed the pump replaced. The required replacement pump was not in the inventory. The only option was to have the tank pumped on a daily basis until a new pump was received. This cost the Authority \$700.00 before the pump was replaced.

An amendment to the Rules, Rates, and Regulations ordinance was approved. This amendment concerns the maintenance of grinder pumps where the original owner no longer owns the property. Subsequent owners will be billed for all maintenance on grinder pumps.

## Delinquencies

Delinquencies are up slightly from last month. 35 letter of intent to shut off water were sent. This resulted in 12 responses where payment plans or full payment were made. 3 failure to comply with existing payment plans resulted in water shut-offs.

## Plant Operations

During September the plant treated 5,557,000 gallons of waste water with an average flow of 166,000 gallons per day and a peak flow of 319,000 gpd.

Lake Wynonah provided 8,000 gallons of sludge for use in our reed beds.

## Planning Commission

The October meeting saw a review of the legal opinion concerning the Koury sub-division prepared by the township solicitor. The opinion basically stated that the ownership of the road would remain with Koury while control of the road and all questions of maintenance would be ceded to the lot owners. As this absolved the township from any future claims of road maintenance the commission members recommended approval of the sub-division plan. A copy of an agreement between the two affected lot owners concerning duties and responsibilities will be forwarded to the planning commission.

The township treasurer provide the Commission with totals of costs incurred in legal and engineering reviews of sub-

division plans and variance applications including the Bassinsky, South Gate and Koury Sub-divisions and the Burke Variance. Fees received for permits did not cover costs. The SALDO requires that applicants are responsible for these fees and an escrow amounts must be received with applications. Some method of replenishment of the escrow amounts must be devised to protect the township.

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available  
[544-6583](tel:544-6583)

**Don's Classis Restoration & Auto Body Inc**  
[544-8209](tel:544-8209)

**Up Coming Events** : The next supervisors meeting will be *Nov17th* . Planning Commission November 5th . Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday November 20th 4:30 PM.

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