

Branch Communicator

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Supervisor Notes

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SEWAGE Problems
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Police Report

The officers traveled 6960 miles patrolling the two town ships. They handled 139 incidents, complaints and investigations. There were 14 traffic citations issued and 11 criminal citations.

This report covers the period 1 June to 31 July 2011.

Sponsors

Don's Classic Restorations
544-8209

Enbee Tax Service 544-6583

Jerry Rizzardi

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Emergency Management Agency

Supervisor Joe Wank has stepped down as EMA coordinator. He will be replaced by John R Bushar. Wank will take the position of deputy EMA coordinator.

Garbage Day Change

The garbage pick up for the week of Labor day will be changed from Thursday to Friday. Put it out on Thursday evening during this week instead of Wednesday.

Resident Complaint

Several residents voiced complaints about truck noises and speeding. The use of "jake brakes" in Llewellyn and along Rte 209 is excessive. These seem to be tractor-trailers heading for the Big Lots warehouse out-

side of Tremont. Supervisor Wank will discuss the matter with the police as to what can be done.

Timbering Permit

A timbering permit was approved for a 23 acre plot near the Red Iron Bridge along the road to Blackwood. The property is owned by Brook Rentals. The applicants request for waiver of fees was approved..

Solicitor Attendance

The failure of the township solicitor to attend meetings was questioned. It was suggested that a replacement might be necessary by some attorney with more time to devote to township business.

Road Masters Report

Township workers were busy trimming trees to accommodate school buses as

they pick up and drop off students at the Llewellyn Elementary School. The damaged slide at the play ground has been replaced at a cost of \$6,000.00, mostly covered by insurance. Play ground equipment was serviced and repaired to insure safe operation when school opens.

There were 3 burns at the compost site, due in large to brush dumping from other than township residents. Grass cutting and some pot-hole patching occupied the workers.

This and that

The Phoenix Park Fire Company sponsors a weekly bingo every Monday night. All are welcomed to come out and play.

Wings and Things

The Good Intent Hose

Company of Llewellyn is serving wings, peel and eat Shrimp, and fries every Tuesday night from 6 until all are gone. Eat in or take out.

The Debt Debate for dummies

If the Government of the US was a family they would be earning \$58,000.00 per year, spending \$75,000.00 per year and have a credit card debt of \$372,000.00.

They would be currently thinking of ways to cut spending to \$72,000.00. Probably by not spending money for the children's school lunch or on prescription medicines. The planned trip to Europe wouldn't be cancelled nor would the purchase of a new car to replace the *old* 2010 SUV.

These are the exact proportions of the federal budget and debt to a level all can understand. Well, maybe not all. Congress including our Tim Holden justify the debt increase as "something we always did".

Cutting Spending

The billionaire Warren Buffett apparently doesn't care how the federal government spends the taxpayers dollars. He has called for higher taxes on the rich. There is nothing to prevent him from paying as much more as he desires to the government. In order to spare those of us who are concerned with how the government spends our tax dollars I offer some suggestions of current federal programs that Buffett may want to fund.

Beach Replenishment, \$95 Million.

Exchange Program for Alaskan and Hawaiian natives and their partners in Massachusetts, \$9 million.

Mohair Subsidies, \$1 million.

USDA Sugar Program, \$14 Million .

Woodrow Wilson Center subsidy, \$20 million.

If an increase in borrowing can get you out of debt why won't banks give people with mortgages in default more money?

School Starts Aug 29th

The kids are going back to class rooms on the 29th. You will see sleepy kids moseying to bus stops in the morning and highly energized kids getting off buses in the afternoons. Be careful.

John C Stennis Center Subsidy, \$.42 million.

Energy Star Program, \$52 million.

FreedomCar and Fuel Partnership, \$200 million.

Ready to Learn TV program, \$27 Million.

Title X family Planning, \$318 Million.

Appalachian Regional Commission, \$76 million.

Death gratuity for members of Congress, \$ vary.

Congress could eliminate these programs and let Buffett and his crony's pay for them. If he really wants to spend some big dollars ,there are several other billion dollar programs, not including foreign aid to China, Israel, Egypt and others that I'm not willing to support.

Financial Data

	Aug 11
Income	
Court Income	94.3
General Receipts	23,199.25
Other Income	3,808.0
Permits	20.00
Total Income	27,121.69
Expense	
Building Inspector	117.85
Contractors	199.77
dues	28.00
Electric	3,076.3
Garbage	7,997.65
Insurance	
Health Insurance	4,685.89
Insurance - Other	250.95
Total Insurance	4,936.84
Misc	336.92
Office Expense	81.78
Payroll Expenses	10,694.85
Payroll Taxes	3,136.16
Police	609.95
Sewage	174.00
Solicitor	180.00
Supervisors	150.46
Tax Collections	7,108.00
Telephones	428.85
Truck & Equipment	2,335.91
Utilities	945.22
Total Expense	28,322.49
Net Income	-1,200.80

Planning Commission Meeting

No business to conduct so no meeting for August. Next scheduled meeting will be September 6th.

More On Social Security

The German Magazine "Der Speigel" did an article on Global Debt. The following is from that article.

The US 2011 Revenue estimates are \$2.2 trillion Dollars. 37% or 8.14 billion of that is from Social Security Tax. The US estimated expenses of \$3.8 trillion Dollars. 20% of those expenses or \$7.6 billion is for social se-

curity. The amount collected for social security is over half a Billion more than is paid out. This is used to buy some of the US Debt.

Of the US Debt of \$14.3 Trillion dollars 19.6% or 2.8 trillion dollars are owed to the Social Security Fund.

Social security going broke? I think not!!!!