

Branch Communicator

September 2011

Supervisor Notes

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Township Offices

Branch Police 544-2901
Secretary/ Treasurer 544-4283
Joyce Beach
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John Andruchek
SEWAGE Problems
• SCMA 622-8240

Police Report

The Police officers handled 59 incidents/complaint during August. The issued 13 traffic citations and attended 4 hearings. During the month they traveled 3697 miles patrolling the two townships. The incidents included 6 trees down on the roadway during the rainstorms that affected the township.

Sponsors

Don's Classic Restorations
544-8209
Enbee Tax Service 544-6583

Jerry Rizzardi

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Veterans Benefits

Jerry Devine, Reilly township supervisor addressed the meeting concerning Veterans benefits for Viet Nam veterans. It seems that many are unaware of benefits and services available to those who actually served in country, including those naval forces who set foot in Viet Nam. These benefits are also available to those who served in Korea during 1968-1969. Devine urged these veterans to check with the Veterans Administration to check on their eligibility for benefits.

Tax Anticipation Note

The township will apply for the annual Tax Anticipation loan. This year the amount will be \$20,000.00. In previous years the amount was for \$40,000.00 to be drawn on as needed during the period where no

taxes were collected. Last year there was no need to draw any money due to excellent fiscal management by the treasurer. It is hoped that this years operations will not require draw down on the loan but is precautionary.

2012 Budget

A preliminary budget meeting was held on Sept 27. The estimates for revenue and expenses are \$635,730.00. Insurance, including health care, garbage and wages are the greater part of the expenses with property taxes and earned income taxes making up the greater part of the revenue. The budget will be available for inspection by the public from Nov 21st to Dec 19th at the township office. The final budget will be approved at the Dec 19th Supervisors Meeting.

Solicitors Report

Two ordinances and a resolution were presented for publication. The resolution concerns an update on the EIT/net profits collections procedures by a county wide single collector. One ordinance addressed a Fire Insurance escrow authority to protect the township from clean up liability due to arson or non compliance by owners of fire damaged structures. The second concerned the ability of the township to zone certain areas to prohibit operations and drilling in Marcellous Shale areas.

Road Masters Report

The new sliding board was installed at the School playground. Please report any suspected vandalism. They had 3 burns at the compost site. Trees were trimmed on 1st Avenue. 3rd street drains were cleaned due to heavy rains and Cherry Lane was regraded.

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 fire police would like to purchase a trailer equipped with traffic con-

trol signs for use at accident and fire scenes. A fund raiser for this purpose is being considered.

Citizen Comments

A lack of street signs was noted, particularly at West Lawn Road and also on Rte 209.

The road hazard at Church Street and Rte 209 was not corrected. It has been reported to PennDot but it is not a high priority for them with all the road damages due to storms. It was suggested that the township send workers out to the intersection to correct the problem, even though it is a PennDot problem.

Municipal Elections

The municipal elections will be held on Tuesday November 8th. These elections are for township Supervisor and Auditor officers, County Commissioners and the county Row offices, and Judges including Superior Court candidates, Commonwealth Judges at the state level, Commonpleas County judge and district magistrates.

The last day to register to vote or to change party affiliation is October 11th.

The last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot is November 1st. These must be received in the county election office by Friday November 4th.

Anyone needing a voter registration form or an absentee ballot application can call me at 544-6583.

Halloween

Halloween will be celebrated in conjunction with the Minersville celebration on Thursday October 27 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Ghosts and goblins should be in costume and generally under the age of 18. Outside lights should be on as a sign that celebrants are welcome. The police will be out in full force to insure the safety of local ghosts.



Financial Data

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Income	
Comm of PA	1,511.20
General Receipts	35,225.88
Other Income	634.50
Permits	254.00
Tax Income	25,095.89
Total Income	62,721.47
Expense	
Building Inspector dues	102.75
Electric	75.00
Garbage	222.15
Insurance	7,997.65
Health Insurance	4,685.8
Insurance - Other	250.95
Total Insurance	4,936.84
Misc	305.43
Office Expense web page	120.00
Total Office Expense	120.00
Payroll Expenses	17,998.70
Payroll Taxes	546.48
Police	1,333.18
Road Work	11,930.49
Sewage	174.00
Solicitor	180.00
Supervisors	150.46
Tax Collections	2,511.39
Telephones	514.59
Truck & Equipment	1,823.90
Utilities	439.32
Total Expense	51,362.33
Net Income	11,359.14

Planning Commission Meeting

The Commission reviewed the final plan for the Koury Subdivision. This development is located off Hill Terrace Drive on an access way. The plan had been previously reviewed and corrections needed noted. The final plan contained those corrections and was forwarded to the County Planning Commission for

approval before this meeting by the Branch Commission. The board recommended approval by the Supervisors.