



Penn Township Fall 2023 Newsletter

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Concerned citizens of Penn Twp:

Our township began a forensic audit in May of 2022 to more clearly document how your money was being spent in the past years in our township. To date, our audit is demonstrating where your tax dollars have been spent responsibly, and where clarification is needed. The audit is ongoing and should be completed soon. This update is focused on our fire service and their plans for the future.

Our Board of Supervisors has been meeting rotationally with our fire protection service. Our objective here is two-fold: to better understand the needs of our fire protection service, and also how the Duncannon Fire Company (DFC) is spending the funding received from the township. We have been working to rectify the DFC's past accounting system, as this did not document incoming & outgoing funds as accurately as our taxpayers deserve.

As far as the DFC's future needs: They are proposing to build a larger facility to house both the firefighters and the equipment they rely upon to do their work. They would like this building to be in the town of Duncannon.

At this time, their proposal could cost more taxpayer dollars and donations. The cost for this new facility and updating the facility located along SR274 (New Bloomfield Road) would potentially impact and be charged to Penn Twp and also to surrounding townships which the DFC has served.

And as you know, the DFC relies on volunteers. All across the country, finding volunteers to do this work can be very difficult. The number of volunteers has been decreasing over the years, and things are no different for our township. There is a growing consensus that volunteer firefighters should become paid employees with benefits. Locally, Silver Spring (Cumberland county) is now paying its drivers. Middletown (Bucks County) has a paid fire chief. These employees are paid from tax dollars. To this end, the Board has not yet been presented with an accounting report (number of paid personnel and those costs) or a clear business plan from the DFC.

In summary, there are multiple issues to be pinned down. The DFC does a necessary and often incredibly difficult job. Balancing that with what our taxpayers are willing to provide will take a lot of discussion and compromise. If you would like to weigh in, please email me at: Kpotteigerpenntwp@gmail.com

Karen Potteiger
Penn Twp Supervisor

Alarm Date Between {04/01/2023} And {06/30/2023}

District	Count	Pot of Incidents	Est Losses	Pot of Losses
10-1 Hempfield Fire Company	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
12-1 Northwindsale Fire Company	2	2.27 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
2-1 Uniontown Fire Company	1	64.77 1/2	15	0.00 1/2
22-1 Northeast Fire Company	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
26-B Berrysburg Fire Co	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
29-1 Baillet Fire Company	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
31-C Silver Springs Fire Company	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
35-1 Progress Fire Company	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
38-1 Tonawanda Fire Company	1	9.09 1/2	20	2.00 1/2
41-1 South Hanover Township Fire Company	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
4-1 Liverpool Fire Company	1	3.40 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
6-1 Marysville Fire Company	1	4.54 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
8-1 New Richmond Fire Company	1	2.27 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
9-1 New Buffalo Fire Company	1	4.54 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
HBC Harrisburg City Fire Dept.	1	1.13 1/2	20	0.00 1/2
Total Incident Count:	58	Total Est Losses:	90	

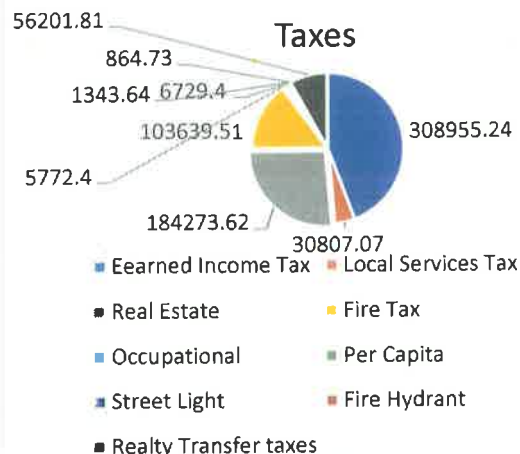
Duncannon Fire Dept

Incidents by Unit by District

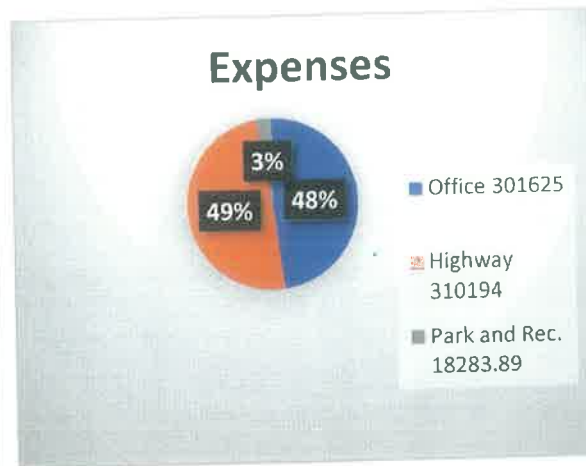
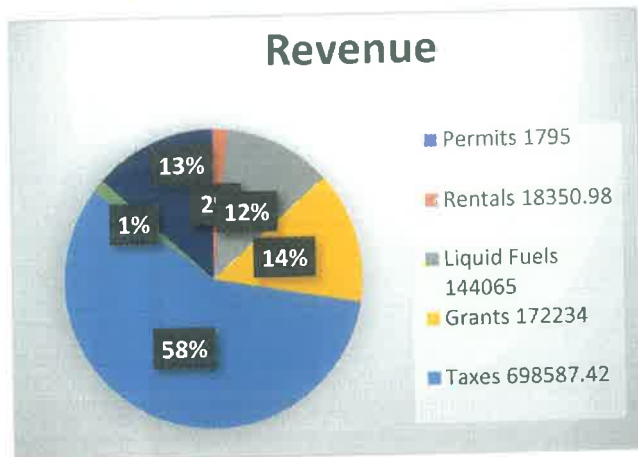
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District	Count	
B2 Brush 2		
2 Duncannon Fire Company	1	Duncannon Fire Company
38 Dauphin Fire Company	1	26th Berksburg Fire Co
9 New Buffalo Fire	1	20 Halifax Fire Company
	3	18 Dauphin Fire Company
	8	5 Liverpool Fire Company
		6 Marysville Fire
BT2 Rescue Boat		9 New Bloomfield Fire
2 Duncannon Fire Company	1	ABC Harrisburg City Fire
38 Dauphin Fire Company	1	
5 Liverpool Fire Company	1	
	3	
		TR2 Traffic 2
DC2 Duty Car 2		2 Duncannon Fire Company
2 Duncannon Fire Company	30	38 Dauphin Fire Company
9 New Buffalo Fire	1	6 Marysville Fire
	31	
		U2 Utility 2
E2 Engine 2		2 Duncannon Fire Company
2 Duncannon Fire Company	6	38 Dauphin Fire Company
6 Marysville Fire	1	
	7	
		U21 Utility 2-1
POV Personal Vehicle		2 Duncannon Fire Company
2 Duncannon Fire Company	1	38 Dauphin Fire Company
	1	5 Liverpool Fire Company
R2 Rescue 2		
2 Duncannon Fire Company	42	
20 Northeast Fire	1	UTV2 UTV 2
36-D Berksburg Fire Co	1	38 Dauphin Fire Company
32 Progress Fire Company	1	
38 Dauphin Fire Company	2	
6 Marysville Fire	2	
9 New Buffalo Fire	4	
	53	
T2 Tanker 2		
12 Shermansdale Fire	1	
2 Duncannon Fire Company	1	
31-C Silver Springs Fire	1	
38 Dauphin Fire Company	1	
47 South Hanover	1	
9 New Buffalo Fire	1	
	6	
	16	
TL2 Truck 2		
10 Newport Fire Company	1	

The following chart demonstrates the different proportions for taxes coming into the Township,



The following charts demonstrate the revenue for the Township and the expenses for the Township.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Road Crew has been busy over the last year, trimming trees and brush along various roadways. This has greatly reduced callouts during windy weather, also reducing possible cable and phone service repairs. Please be attentive of the road crew while driving, there is more to be done.

As we address roadway issues, we are also picking up litter. **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.** This takes time and we all want Penn Township to be proud of our environment.

2023 Paving Project

Paving on Creek Road from Gamblers Corner Road to the new bridge and from Creek Road to Linton Hill Road toward SR 274 (New Bloomfield Road) has been completed. Yellow center lines and berm work will be done in Oct/Nov.

Speed Signs have been done for various roadways. Please abide by the posted limits on our roadways for everyone's safety.

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Board of Supervisors Meeting: The Last Wednesday of the Month.

Planning Commission Meeting: The Third Monday of the Month.

Park and Recreation Board: The Second Tuesday of the Month.

Municipal Authority: The first Wednesday of the Month. & JOAC Meeting: The Second Wednesday of the Month at the Penn Township Municipal Building

Zoning Hearing Board: The second Thursday of the month as needed.

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals: The first Thursday of the month as needed.

Fire Tax Committee: monthly as needed.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

We need contact information for water and sewer customers to let everyone know of emergency issues. Please contact the Authority Office to update your information at 717-834-6926.

Please do not flush wipes, grease or other products that may cause damage to your grinder pumps or cause extra repairs at the treatment plant.

We have new grinder pumps in stock for a discounted price due to quantity purchases. Please feel free to contact the office for additional information.



Sunshine Hill Water Plant has been operating and working well. Please remember to observe state suggestions on water conservation during drought conditions.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 717-834-6926.

The Township Office can now receive payments when the Municipal Authority is **closed**. This service is a courtesy to our residents. The Township Office **cannot** tell balances owed or your account number. The Township Office cannot take credit card payments, only the Municipal Authority can.



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If you see a train blocking a crossing. Please call County Emergency Center and report it. The phone number is 717-582-4311.



TAX Payments

Tax Payments for Real Estate, Fire Tax, Street Lights, Fire Hydrants, Occupation, Per Capita or School District cannot be accepted by the Township Office. Please **DO NOT PUT** checks into the drop box in the back of the Township Building.

Please send all payment to Peter Thompson, Tax Collector, 24 St. Johns Drive, Duncannon, PA 17020. Or call for an appointment at 717-571-1590.

If you are retired, you may apply to be exonerated of your Occupational Tax. You will need to fill out a form that is at the Township and provide some proof that you are retired.



FALL CLEAN-UP



Commencing: 7:00 a.m., October 12, 2023

Concluding: 2:00 p.m., October 14, 2023

Daily Hours Thursday & Friday – 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The following items are not accepted.

NO TIRES BEYOND 4 per house hold

- NO GARBAGE** (typical household waste material)
- NO PROPANE TANKS** (gas grill tanks, etc.)
- NO TIRES "MOUNTED ON WHEELS"**
- NO YARD WASTE** – (Grass Clippings, Shrubs, Trees, Limbs, Trimmings, Leaves, Sod, Tree Stumps, Gravel, Macadam or Dirt)
- NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS** - cement, shingles, drywall, concrete
- NO Wood or similar items** greater than four (4) feet long, **(must be tied and bundled with 50 lb. Maximum weight)**
- NO LOOSE INSULATION** **(must be tied and bundled)**
- NO Loose Piles of any material** (all small items **must** be bundled, boxed or bagged with 50 lb. max. weight)
- NO Heavy Car and/Truck Parts** (engines, transmissions, axles, etc.)
- NO Commercial and/or Industrial Waste** of any type
- NO Monitors, Computers or TV's**



PERMITS NEEDED IN PENN TOWNSHIP – Do not forget that permits are needed for pools, fences, and any other structure. When in doubt, call and ask. What people do not realize is that if a structure is made without permits, the state law allows the removal of the structure at the cost of the landowner. The Township does not wish to do this. It is just easier to find out if you need one. **NOTE: All permits need an address for issuing. See the Township Secretary if you do not have one.**

- Zoning Permit – A zoning permit is required when any new structure is put on a property, or use of the property is changed. **NOTE: All Zoning Permits now require a copy of the deed of the property that improvements are being made on. And an address if there is not one already.**
- Sign Permit - A sign permit is needed for all new signs, if one business leaves and another comes in, or a business name change.
- Driveway Permit – A driveway permit is needed when you wish to place a new driveway or repave an existing driveway.
- Paving Permit – A paving permit is needed when you go from a dirt or gravel driveway to a paved or repaved driveway. This is to be sure that the driveway ties into the road properly and the swale is maintained for stormwater functions.
- Building Permit - A building permit is needed for the construction of new buildings, additions, and some repairs/alterations within the home. If you are in the floodplain, please put that information on the application.

If you have any questions, please call the Township Office.

CODES

If you have a complaint or concern, please put it in writing. You can mail, drop off at the office, or email it to the Township at penntwp6@ptd.net.

The Codes Officer would like to remind everyone that when the snow comes snow **cannot** be put into the street. This is a safety issue and will help the highway crew to clean up the streets. Violators will be fined.

Mass Notification

Penn Township has now joined RAVE for notifications of emergencies. Please submit your phone numbers to be put on the list. You can submit your cell phone or home phone. Please call the office at 717-834-5281.

Room Rental

Penn Township rents rooms in the township Building for events. The cost is \$80.00 for the large room and \$40.00 for the small room. Please call the Township to reserve a room at 717-834-5281. Beware that the grounds are rented for different events and parking may be crowded. The rooms come with the kitchen and bathrooms.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD:

Penn Township Park and Pavilions close at dusk unless you have paid to rent the facility. We kindly ask that you notify the office if you need to use the pavilion for a short time. This will ensure it's not being occupied in case of rentals. The price of the rentals are \$80.00 for the Large Pavilion and \$50.00 for the Small Pavilion.

Please follow the Penn Township rules that have been put into place. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Park and Recreation Board will be having a Children's Halloween Party on October 21, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be games, food, a coloring contest, and a costume contest. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact the Township Office at 717-834-5281.

Trick or Treat is on October 31, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

SENIOR LUNCHESES

Senior Lunches have stopped for the year. They will resume in May of 2024. Please come and join the fun and have good food.



Give-Away

Penn Township Park and Recreation Board is hosting a Community Give-Away on October 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. In the Penn Township Building.

If you have items to donate, please call Karen Tilkens at 717-579-8090.

Give-a-way is open to everyone, first come first serve. There will be no holds.

RECYCLING BAGS

Penn Township are now selling Sylvester's Recycling Bags in the Township Office. These bags are for the dumpster in the front of the Municipal Building. Recycling items can be placed together in bags. The bags are \$4.00 each and 0.25 cents goes to the Park and Recreation Board.

The following page is for the drawing contest for the Halloween Party.





SPOOKTACULAR FUN !!!

Haunted Halloween Maze

October 29th-31st

6pm-10pm Daily

Located At 1 Jefferson St Duncannon Pa 17020

**Free Admission
Free Food & Drinks
And Lots Of Candy !!!**

Fun For The Whole Family

**For Donations & Questions Call Cassie @
717-562-2909**



DUNCANNON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

16 Shermanta Drive – Duncannon, PA 17020 – www.dems29.com
(717) 834-5904 – Fax (717) 834-9346

2023 Sunday Dinner Schedule

**Due to increased supply costs, we have implemented an increase, beginning in April (see below.) While we try to keep the dinners reasonable in price, these dinners are one of our many fundraising efforts for the organization and it is critical that we maintain our ambulance staffing and equipping for emergency calls! Even with the pricing increases, we believe that our guests are receiving a great deal for a great ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT meal!*

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

Meatloaf, Filling, Corn, Mashed Potatoes

-NO DINNERS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER-

Each Dinner Includes Rolls, Punch, Water, Coffee, & Delicious Desserts!

*****Menu subject to change, based on availability of ingredients*****

11:00AM - 1:30PM

(Or Until Sold Out)

Adults (13 & Older): \$12.00

Children 5-12 Years Old: \$9.00

Children 4 & Under: Free

Duncannon Emergency Medical Services – Perry County Recreation Association

MONDAY NIGHT



Every Monday Evening, Year-Round

(except the last two Mondays of the year)

Doors, Kitchen, and Rip Ticket Sales Open at 5:30 PM

First BINGO game begins at 6:45 PM

A fun variety of BINGO games for CA\$H prizes,
including a players' pool, progressive jackpots up to \$1,199,
50/50 games, speedball, and more!

Duncannon Emergency Medical Services

16 Shermanta Drive





Duncannon, PA 17020








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THANK YOU

For your support!

OCTOBER						
2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PTMA 7 pm.	4	5	6
8	9	10 Park & Rec 7:00 p.m.	11 JOAC 6:30 P, m,	12	13	14 Recycling , Fall Clean-up, Give-away
15	16 PTPC 7:00 p.m.	17	18	Fall Clean- up FA	20 Fall Clean- up	21 Halloween Party 6-8 pm
22	23	24	25 PTS 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween Trick or Treat 6-8 pm				
	26					

NOVEMBER						
2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PTMA 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Light Savings Time	6	7 Election Day	8 JOAC 6:30 P, m,	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Recycling
12	13	14 Park & Rec 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20 PTPC 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29 PTS 7:00 p.m.	30		
						

Elec. Auditors - Elected Auditors

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Park & Rec - Park and Recreation Board



PTMA - Penn Township Municipal Authority

PTPC - Penn Township Planning Commission

PTS - Penn Township Supervisors

UUC Board of Appeals - Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

DECEMBER						
2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	PTMA 7 pm	7	8	9 Recycling
10	11	12 Park & Rec 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18 PTPC 7 pm,	19	20	21	22 OFFICE Closed at Noon	23
24	25 Office Closed Christmas	26	27 PTS 7 pm	28	29 OFFICE Closed at Noon	30
31 New Years Eve	Office Closed					

JANUARY						
2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 PTS Reorganizational 7 pm	3 PTMA 7:00 p.m. Elected Auditor 6 pm	4 UUC Board of Appeals 7 mm	5	6
7	8	9 Park & Rec 7:00 p.m.	10 JOAC 6:30 P, m,	11 ZHB 7 pm	12	13
14	15 PTPC 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 PTS 7:00 p.m.			
						

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FEBRUARY						
2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						3
						4
	4	5	6	7	8	9
			PTMA 7 pm			10
						11
	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Park & Rec 7:00 p.m.	Valentines Day			17
						18
	18	19	20	21	22	23
		PTPC 7 pm,				24
						25
	25	26	27	28	29	
			PTS 7 pm			



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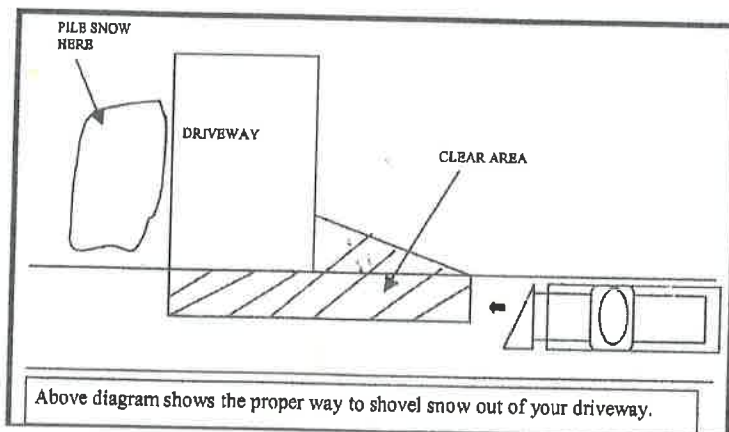
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Do not shovel snow from your driveway into the street. You can be held *liable* for accidents that result after snow has been shoveled or plowed onto the roadways. If possible, wait until after the street has been plowed before cleaning your driveway opening. Snow should be plowed or shoveled to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the roadway. By being plowed away from the direction of oncoming

snowplows, this will prevent the bulk of snow being pushed back onto the driveway. There is no way plowing can be accomplished without depositing some snow into the driveway openings.

REMINDER: Keep fire hydrants, storm drains, and mailboxes open.