



Shrewsbury Township News

Spring 2015

Facts Behind the Fire Hydrant Assessment

Since enactment of the new fire hydrant assessment, effective January 1, 2015, there have been questions about its origin and purpose. Following are several facts that should provide a clearer understanding as to what the assessment is and the reason for its implementation.

- Portions of Shrewsbury Township are served by public water, including fire hydrants.
- The public water is provided by the Glen Rock Water Authority, Shrewsbury Borough, and The York Water Company.
- The Glen Rock Water Authority and The York Water Company charge the Township a fire hydrant rental; Shrewsbury Borough does not.
- The number of fire hydrants has increased over the past ten years, along with rental fees, resulting in the annual cost increasing from **\$2,758 in 2004** to **\$17,441 in 2014**. The annual cost in 2016 is projected at \$22,050.
- In past years, hydrant rental had been paid from the general fund.
- Approximately **31% of township properties** are served by the Glen Rock Water Authority and The York Water Company, which covers **approximately 2 sq. miles of the township's 29 sq. miles (7%)**.
- Assessment is limited to properties within 780 feet of a fire hydrant (state law **prohibits** assessment of properties beyond that distance).
- Majority of insurance companies provide a lower rate classification for properties within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant and/or within 5 miles of a fire department; a benefit to properties within 780 feet of a hydrant.

Board of Supervisors rebuke Supervisor Fox's claim of having no knowledge on hydrant assessment. Read details on the township website: www.shrewsburytownship.org.

Due to the significant cost increase over the past ten years and the fact that about 1/3 of the properties (within approximately 7% of the township) benefit directly from the added fire protection, for which the Township is charged by the water companies, the approved 2015 budget included the new assessment for those that most benefit from this service.

Public Hearing

(Revised) Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing to begin at **7:00 p.m., April 29, 2015**, at the Township Municipal Building (11505 Susquehanna Trail S, Glen Rock). Revisions to the proposed amendments since the February 4th public hearing will be reviewed. The revisions are available for review at the Township office during normal office hours, or can be viewed on the Township's website.

Board Actions (January - March 2015)

- Approved Ordinance No. 2015-01, which amends various sign regulations.
- Sold a 1987 John Deere 770B Grader to the highest bidder at \$22,983.
- Authorized the Township to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the implementation of the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan.
- Approved installation of nine (9) new fire hydrants in the Forest Lakes community; installation by The York Water Company.
- Entered into a contract with the Cohen Law Group to conduct a Comcast cable franchise fee audit.
- Hired Attorney Gilbert Malone to represent the Township in the *Susan Fox & Jeffrey VanVoorhis v. Shrewsbury Township* appeal, which is before the York County Court of Common Pleas.



Board Reorganizes

The Board of Supervisors reorganized at their January 5, 2015 meeting; Supervisor Paul Solomon was re-elected Chairman, Bill Cox was re-elected Vice Chairman, Manager Todd Zeigler was re-appointed Township Secretary/Treasurer, and Administrative Assistant Wendy Brown was re-appointed as the Board's Recording Secretary.

Electronics Recycling



Electronics for recycling can be dropped off at the Township Municipal Building (11505 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock) **Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** and **Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Please note that you must be a Township resident or business to participate in this program and photo identification must be provided.

Meeting Dates

The following meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 11505 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock.

Board of Supervisors

May 6th
June 3rd
July 1st

Planning Commission

April 15th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th



Development Right Verification

Agricultural Zoning District

Property owners within the agricultural zoning district are entitled to a certain number of development rights (DRs), which depends on the number of acres of the parcel (traced back to November 1976). Parcels of less than five (5) acres are allocated one (1) DR; the minimum number of DRs required for any parcel; therefore, these parcels cannot be subdivided, nor do they have any DRs available for development or to transfer to another owner in a residential receiving district. Parcels containing five (5) acres or more have a varying number of DRs available, which is determined by a graduated scale based upon total acreage.

Properties of five (5) acres or more can have their DRs verified by the Township. The cost is \$150, which includes research to verify the DRs, preparation of a Transferrable Development Right (TDR) Agreement, and recording of the TDR Agreement with the York County Recorder of Deeds Office, after approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The TDR owner has the option of having TDR deeds prepared at \$150 for the first deed and \$75 for each additional deed. The fee includes preparation of the deed(s) by the Township and recording of the deeds at the York County Recorder of Deeds office.

If you have questions, or want a DR verification application sent to you, please call Todd Zeigler, Manager, at 235-3011 (ext. 106).

Elected Officials

Board of Supervisors

Sue Fox

(term expires 12/2015)

Cynthia DeLeone

(term expires 12/2015)

Jeff Rennoll

(term expires 12/2017)

Bill Cox

(term expires 12/2017)

Paul Solomon

(term expires 12/2019)

Tax Collector

Gail Prego

(term expires 12/2017)

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday:

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Closings

May 25th - Memorial Day

July 3rd - Independence Day

Farmers' Market

2nd & 4th Saturday, May - October

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wal-Mart Shopping Center parking lot;

next to Advance Auto Parts

For information, contact Susan Fox at 717-235-0734



Keeping You Informed



Shrewsbury Township makes every effort to keep you informed through a variety of outlets, including the quarterly newsletter and the township website (www.shrewsburytownship.org). The website hosts a variety of information, such as meeting schedules, meeting minutes, Board meeting videos, ordinances & regulations, finances, fee schedules, right-to-know law, and contact information. Coming soon will be a community directory & map, which will be delivered to your home through the courtesy of many local businesses. We encourage you to support them for sponsoring the informational map & directory (their ads will be in the directory). Also, in coming months the Township will launch a Facebook page, which will keep you up to date on current events.

Unable to Attend Board Meetings?

Meeting videos available online

Beginning with the November 4, 2014 Board of Supervisors regular meetings are video recorded and made available for viewing through the Township's website: www.shrewsburytownship.org. It takes approximately 2-3 weeks following the meeting before it is published online for viewing.

OLDS Program

On-Lot Sewage Disposal System Maintenance Program

The on-lot sewage disposal system (OLDS) program requires all properties within the township that have an on-lot sewage disposal system to have their septic system pumped every four (4) years, at minimum. The Township is divided into four (4) maintenance districts with each district due in alternating years. District 4 is currently due and all systems within this district must have their system pumped no later than December 31, 2015. The acceptable pumping range for District 4 is January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015; a two (2) year period. The Township will send you a notification letter no later than March 1st in the year your system is due to be pumped.

Rep. Kate Klunk Sets Local Office Hours

State House Representative Kate Klunk, 169th District, will hold office hours at the Shrewsbury Township Municipal Building, 11505 Susquehanna Trail S. Glen Rock, PA 17327, the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Either stop in the Township office during these hours or schedule an appointment by calling Rep. Klunk's office at 717-630-8942.

Municipal Primary

The municipal election will be held **May 19, 2015**. Polls are open from **7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Additional information is available through the elections office, which can be accessed through www.yorkcountypa.gov.



Where do you Live?

The Importance in Displaying your Street Address

The proper display of street addresses is important for many reasons, such as mail delivery, parcel delivery, etc., but most importantly for emergency services to respond to your home or business should the need arise. In addition, street address numbering is mandated by Chapter 4 (Building), Part 1 (House Numbering) of the Shrewsbury Township Code of Ordinances. To learn details of the specific requirements, please refer to the aforementioned Chapter on the Township's website, or call the Township Office.

Medication Drop-Box Program

Southern Regional Police Department



In conjunction with the York County Solid Waste Authority, Southern Regional Police Department (SRPD) and fifteen other York County police departments participate in the medication take-back program. There is no cost to dispose of your old or unwanted medications in the lobby of the SRPD lobby's secure boxes. Lobby hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Their address is 47 E. High Street, New Freedom.

2014 Curbside Recycling Rate Increases Slightly

The Township's 2014 recycling rate is up slightly from 2013; 26.1% to 28.1%. However, this remains short of the state goal of 35%. Curbside residential recycling collected in 2014 was 639 tons and trash collected was 2,272 tons. Your efforts are much appreciated and we encourage you to help get your neighbors involved (those who do not recycle).





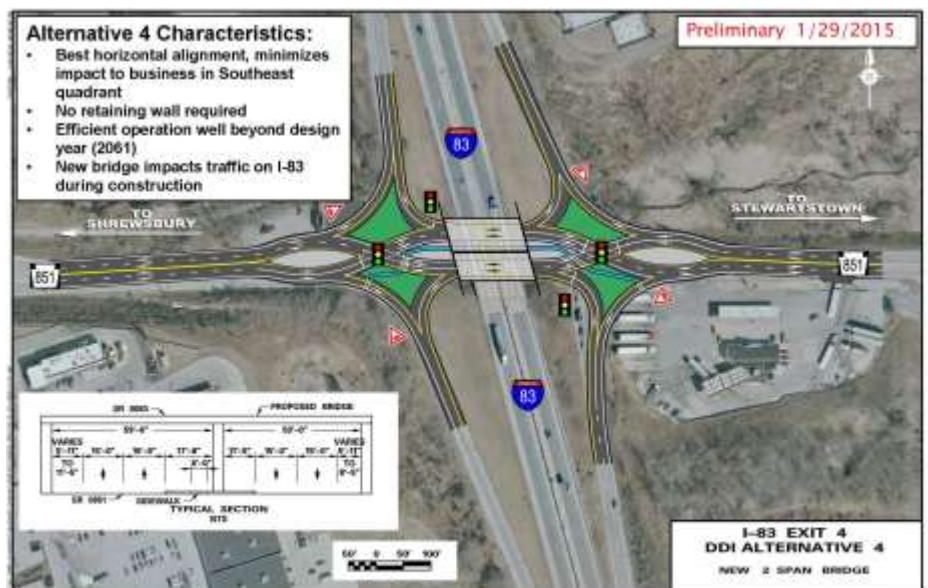
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EXIT 4 Improvements *Changes on the Horizon*

After a lengthy review process and consideration of several options to improve traffic flow and congestion at the I-83 Exit 4 interchange, PennDOT has made the decision to pursue a modified Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). Construction is not expected to begin before 2017. The estimated \$13.3M project will include construction of a new bridge on I-83 with four (4) travel lanes on Forest Avenue (from Mt. Airy Road to Wolfe Road). A public meeting to unveil preliminary plans for the project is slated for spring 2016 (details to follow at a later date).



More information on DDIs can be found at www.divergingdiamondinterchange.org