



Shrewsbury Township News

Winter 2015

Snow Information

Mailbox Damage

The Township does not prohibit property owners from placing mailboxes within the limits of the legal right of way, as it is recognized that the post office has certain placement requirements regarding the location of mailboxes. However, since these mailboxes are not placed under permit regulations, they are technically deemed to be encroachments, which are placed and remain at the risk of the property owner. Therefore, Shrewsbury Township is not liable for damages to mailboxes, fencing, shrubbery, trees, etc., caused by snow removal or other maintenance operations where the same are located within the limits of the legal right of way. (Ref: Code of the Township of Shrewsbury, Chapter 21, Part 2, §21.201).



Vehicle removal from streets

Please be reminded to remove all vehicles parked along Township roads prior to any snowstorm. Your cooperation is always appreciated.

Election News

Two Board of Supervisors seats on 2015 Ballot

The term for Board of Supervisors Susan Fox and Cynthia DeLeone ends December 31, 2015. Therefore, there will be two (2) Board seats on the May Municipal Primary ballot and the November Municipal Election ballot. Important dates for any person interested in running for these positions are below:

- **February 17th** – First day to circulate nomination petitions for the PRIMARY election.
- **March 10th** – Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions.
- **May 19th** – Municipal Primary Election

Additional information is available through the York County Voting & Elections Office (717-771-9604).



Now Available for Online Viewing

Beginning with the November 4, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting, the meetings are now video recorded and will be available for viewing through the Township's website: www.shrewsburytownship.org. It will be approximately 2-3 weeks following the meeting before they are available for viewing.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:

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

Friday:

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Elected Officials

Board of Supervisors

Sue Fox

(term expires 12/2015)

Cynthia DeLeone

(term expires 12/ 2015)

Jeff Rennoll

(term expire 12/2017)

Bill Cox

(term expires 12/2017)

Paul Solomon

(term expires 12/2019)

Tax Collector

Gail Prego

(term expires 12/2017)

Holiday Closings

January 1st :

New Year's Day

February 16th:

President's Day

April 3rd :

Good Friday

Street Tree Trimming

During the winter months the Township Maintenance Department will be trimming trees, shrubs, bushes, and other similar vegetation along Township streets and roads.

Trimming will occur within the Township's road right-of-ways and will not exceed a height of 14 feet.



Board Actions (October – December 2014)

- Authorized the sale of a Township owned (1987) grader.
- Conditionally approved Final Subdivision Plan of John & Annie Esh (Valley Road, Glen Rock), along with approval of several waiver requests and DEP Sewage Planning Waiver.
- Conditionally approved Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan of Tolna Road Venture (Tolna & Mt. Airy Road).
- Approved Resolution No. 2014-19, which adopts a maintenance department safety manual.
- Approved Resolution No. 2014-20, which sets the 2015 real estate & fire tax rates.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2014-06, which establishes a fire hydrant tax for all properties located within 780 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2014-07 & 2014-08, which authorizes the Township to continue participation in PSATS' Health Insurance Cooperative & Unemployment Compensation Group Trusts.

Recycling Audit

The Township's 3rd quarter 2014 recycling rate is **21.8%**. This rate remains well below **Pennsylvania's goal** of a **35%** recycling rate.

During the period of August – October 2014, the Township conducted 4-week recycling audits of 433 households. Of the total households audited, over the 4-week periods, **33 households did not recycle**, 51 households recycled 1 week, 87 households recycled 2 week, 99 households recycled 3 weeks, and 163 households recycled 4 weeks. Shrewsbury Township mandates that ALL properties within the Township recycle. Failure to recycle could result in a fine up to \$1,000, including court costs.

Please refer to the enclosed flyer from Penn Waste for recycling details. To those that have actively recycled, we **THANK YOU** for your efforts to increase the Township's recycling and for your efforts to reduce the need to incinerate or bury trash underground.

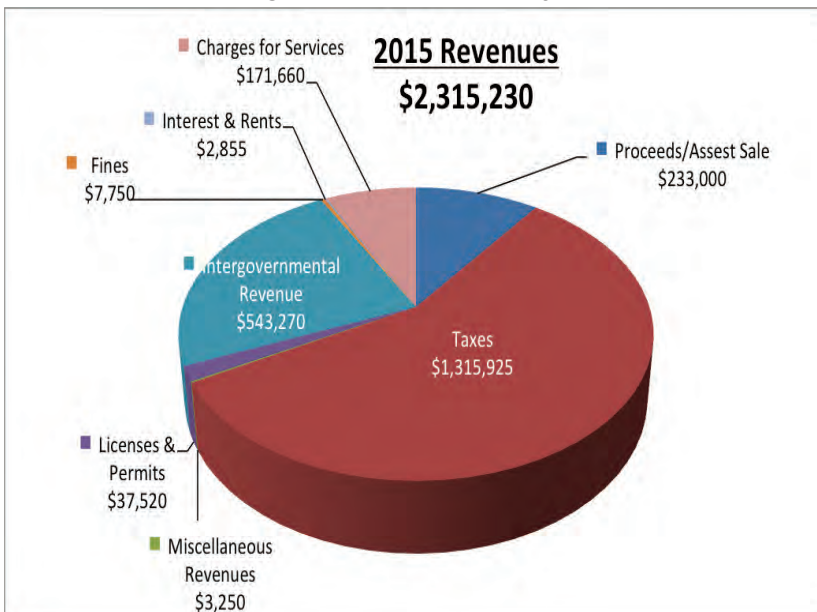
Electronics Recycling

Electronics for recycling can be dropped off at the Township office (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.



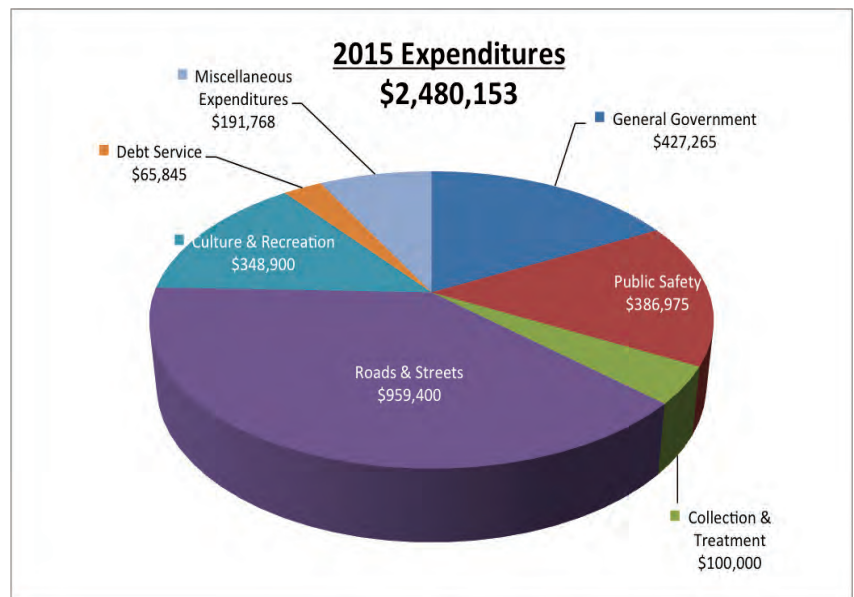
2015 Budget

On December 4, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2015 budget with revenues totaling \$2,315,230; expenditures totaling \$2,480,153, and a projected December 31, 2015 fund balance of \$2,489,555.



The general fund real estate tax rate will remain unchanged at 0.074 mill, which equates to \$14.80 on a home assessed at \$200,000. The budget does include an increase in the Special Fire Tax to 0.34 mill, up from 0.25 mill, which will result in an increase of \$18 per year on a home assessed at \$200,000 (from \$50 to \$68). Proceeds from the fire tax are distributed to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township, including Shrewsbury, Glen Rock, and Rose (New Freedom) Fire Companies. The 2014 tax distribution to each of these fire departments was \$47,465 (less any workers' compensation premiums). The 2015 distribution to each fire company is expected to increase approximately \$15,000.

New for 2015 will be a new tax for all properties located within 780 feet of a fire hydrant. The fire hydrants are not owned by the Township, but are owned by either The York Water Company or the Glen Rock Water Company. Each water company bills the Township for rental of the fire hydrants, which is approximately \$18,500 per year. In past years, the Township has paid this charge out of the general fund, in which 100% of properties pay into, while only 28% of properties are within 780 feet of a fire hydrant. There are approximately 810 properties affected by the new tax, which is set at 0.12 mill of the assessed value. On an average assessment of \$203,502, the annual fire hydrant tax will be \$24.42.



Details of the budget are available on the Township's website or by visiting the Township office. A summary of the income and expenditures for 2015 are in the charts above.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Public Hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m., **February 4, 2015**, at the Township Municipal Office Building (11505 Susquehanna Trail S, Glen Rock). The proposed amendments are available for review at the Township office during normal office hours, or can be viewed online on the Township's website.

Shrewsbury Township

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Glen Rock, PA 17327

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Meeting Dates

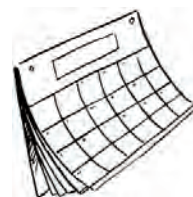
The following meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 11505 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock.

Board of Supervisors

January 5th
February 4th
March 4th
April 1st

Planning Commission

January 21st
February 18th
March 18th
April 15th



Street Addresses

Proper street number of houses and businesses 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.



Penn Waste accepts unlimited amounts of recycling!

Acceptable Items



METAL:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel food & beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans

GLASS:

- Clear, brown, blue, green food & beverage containers

PLASTIC:

- #1 through #7 – *Thoroughly rinse/clean to remove contaminants before placing in recycle container.*

- ✓ Remove caps/lids
- ✓ It is OK to leave on labels and neck rings

Penn Waste Now Accepts Cartons!

“Cartons” are defined as food and beverage products purchased at the store. They are available in two types – shelf-stable and refrigerated.

Shelf-stable:

- Juice
- Milk
- Soy Milk
- Soup and Broth
- Wine



Refrigerated:

- Milk
- Juice
- Cream
- Egg Substitutes

- ✓ Be sure to remove all caps and straws
- ✓ Empty and rinse
- ✓ Cartons may be placed in your bin along with all other recyclables

PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.

Please break down boxes as flat as possible and put them out next to your recycle bin on your pick-up day.

- Cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books
- Paperboard food and drink cartons

- ✓ Remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.)
- ✓ Flatten ALL boxes
- ✓ Bundle all cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin
- ✓ Cover loose paper with heavier items to prevent it from blowing away
- ✓ If the weather forecast calls for high winds or wet weather, if possible, keep your paper recyclables until the next week. Wet paper products are difficult to process.

Creating a green community together.

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Unacceptable Items

• Needles & Medical Waste

DO NOT place used needles or any other medical waste with recycling!
This is a serious health hazard to everyone!



- Broken glass
- Windows, mirrors, ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Clothing hangers (metal and plastic)
- Plastic tableware (knives, forks, spoons)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Light bulbs
- Food soiled material
- Wet papers or cardboard
- Plastic food wrappers
- Used paper towels or tissues
- Styrofoam
- Pool chemicals
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Hose
- Christmas lights
- Diapers
- Food waste



As of January 24, 2013, by law Penn Waste is not allowed to collect your electronic waste.

The Covered Devices Recycling Act prohibits residents and businesses from placing their electronic waste at the curb or in their trash.

Covered devices include: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers), televisions and e-readers that browse the Internet.



For more information on how to legally dispose of your electronic waste, please contact Penn Waste at 717-767-4456 or visit www.pennwaste.com.



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