



Shrewsbury Township News

Fall 2019

Message from Retiring Board Member Paul Solomon



Fellow Shrewsbury Township Residents,

At the end of this year I will be retiring as your Shrewsbury Township Supervisor. I have held this position for 18 years, 6 of which I served as Chairman.

During this time, with few exceptions, I have had the privilege to serve with dedicated fellow Supervisors. Working as a team, we have provided you with services such as road maintenance, snow removal, trash disposal, and up-to-date parks.

Throughout my tenure the Township has remained debt-free and has never raised the (general fund) real estate tax. We have improved or enhanced development standards including landscaping and water quality.

Farming is the Township's number one industry. Eighty-three percent of the Township's 30 square miles of land area is zoned Agricultural to manage the development of these farms, which over time provides Township residents with significant open space areas. To continue to maintain this agricultural base is the Township's greatest future challenge!

In closing, I wish to thank the Township's office and maintenance staff for their dedicated service and assistance. And, of course, your support and encouragement during my 18 years is especially appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Solomon

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Holiday Closings

November 28th & 29th
Thanksgiving

December 24th & 25th
Christmas

January 1st
New Year's

Dedication Ceremony for Road of Remembrance



Photo Credit:
Rotary Club of York, Pa

The joint project, "**Trees for the Trail**," by the Rotary Clubs of York, Southern York County, and Red Lion-Dallastown, will be dedicated on **Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Susquehannock High School, 3280 Fissels Church Road, Glen Rock. The public is invited to attend.

The existing Sycamore trees (more than 200) that line a 12-mile stretch of the Trail, from the Maryland Line north to Jacobus Borough, were planted 95-years ago to honor the nearly 6,000 York County men and women who served in World War I.

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Correction

2018 Flood Repairs & Bridge Replacements

In the Summer 2019 newsletter it was reported that White Oak Road was the only road that remained closed from the July 23-25 and August 31, 2018 floods. That is incorrect as there are two (2) roads that remain closed. The second is **Line Road**, which is shared with North Hopewell Township. Shrewsbury Township is working closely with North Hopewell Township to design, permit, and rebuild the stream crossings on Line Road (there are two crossings on this road).

Meeting Dates

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

<u>Board of Supervisors</u>	<u>Planning Commission</u>
November 6 th	November 20 nd
December 4 th	December 18 th
January 6 th	January 15 th
February 5 th	February 19 th

Holiday Collection Delays

Trash & Recycling

Trash & Recycling collection will be delayed one (1) day due to the following holidays:

Thanksgiving

- * **Thursday (November 28th)** will be collected Friday (November 29th).
- * **Friday (November 29th)** will be collected Saturday (November 30th).

Christmas

- * **Thursday (December 26th)** will be collected Friday (December 27th).
- * **Friday (December 27th)** will be collected Saturday (December 28th).

New Year's

- * **Thursday (January 2nd)** will be collected Friday (January 3rd).
- * **Friday (January 3rd)** will be collected Saturday (January 4th).

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Dedication (continued from page 1)

Through the years, about half of the 400 original trees have fallen victim to auto accidents, disease, neglect, or cutting down by property owners. With efforts lead by an active group of volunteers (125 people to date), known as “Trees for the Trail,” there will be 200 new trees planted along the same 12-mile stretch on private properties along the Trail.

Total cost is estimated at \$100,000, funded through municipal, corporate, and individual donations. Shrewsbury Township contributed \$5,000 to the project and has trees planted on the Township’s municipal office and maintenance building properties, along the Trail.

Free 32-Gallon Recycling Bins



Are you in need of a smaller or an extra recycling bin? The Township has (blue) round 32-gallon recycling bins available for **free** to Township residents and businesses.

If interested, the bins can be picked up at the Township Office during regular business hours.

While supplies last!

It's Just Around the Corner – SNOW!

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).

Remove Vehicle from Streets

Please be reminded to remove all vehicles parked along Township roads prior to any snow storm.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.

What Do All Those Letters Mean? (common abbreviations, acronyms and initializations)

(continued from Summer 2019 Newsletter)

We often use a series of letters in our discussions, newsletters, correspondence and meetings. So, just what do they mean.

- * **ZO: Zoning Officer.** A contracted position responsible for inspection, compliance and enforcement of the Township's zoning ordinance. For greater efficiency and cost savings, the Township Manager also embraces the role of Assistant ZO.
- * **SEO: Sewage Enforcement Officer.** A contracted position responsible for inspection, approval and enforcement of regulations for new and failing on-lot sewage disposal systems located in the Township.
- * **NIMS: National Incident Management System.** Publication of the Department of Homeland Security that provides a comprehensive and consistent national approach to all-hazard incident management.
- * **PEMA: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.** Mission is to lead and coordinate Commonwealth agencies and resources to respond and recover from any disaster.
- * **EMS CODE: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code.** Directs every political jurisdiction to have an emergency management program that includes a trained Emergency Management Coordinator.
- * **EMA: Emergency Management Agency.** Each political subdivision is responsible to provide for the health and welfare of citizens by establishing an EMA. Shrewsbury Township has joined with other local municipalities to establish a regional EMA, known as SCEMA (see below).
- * **SCEMA: South Central York County Emergency Management Agency.** A cooperative multi-municipal agency, including Shrewsbury Township and the Boroughs of Shrewsbury, Glen Rock and Railroad, responsible for the emergency management functions and hazards mitigation in each of the separate municipalities.
- * **EMC: Emergency Management Coordinator.** Oversees planning, training and preparation during non-disaster times and is the coordinator in the Emergency Operations Center during times of disasters. The EMC leads the coordinated, concentrated response effort in response to any emergency. All political subdivisions are required to appoint an EMC, who is nominated by the municipality and appointed by the Governor. The current EMC and associated staff for SCEMA are all very committed, highly trained and certified unpaid volunteers.
- * **EOC: Emergency Operations Center.** The physical location where management decisions are made and coordinated responses are enacted related to any emergency incident. The EOC is designed and equipped with communications and other equipment to provide support to the EMC and staff in the response and coordination to emergency incidents. The primary EOC for SCEMA is in the Shrewsbury Borough office building. A secondary fully equipped EOC is in the Shrewsbury Township office building.
- * **EOP: Emergency Operations Plan.** An extensive, thorough and ongoing plan for responding to a wide variety of potential hazards and emergencies. It includes a resource manual to quickly identify and contact resources to help effectivity respond to mitigate and recover from each hazard or emergency.



Elected Township Officials

Board of Supervisors

- Paul Solomon (term ends 12/2019)
- Ann Biser (term ends 12/2021)
- Art Rutledge (term ends 12/2021)
- David Brose (term ends 12/2023)
- Jeff Rennoll (term ends 12/2023)

Tax Collector

- Gail Prego (term ends 12/2021)

Municipal Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2019



Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Locally, there are two (2) candidates vying for one (1) seat on the Township Board of Supervisors (a 6-year term).

Candidates are Jackie Wilson (Democrat) and Bob Brown (Republican). The successful candidate will fill the seat of retiring Supervisor Paul Solomon.

Fall Back

It's time to *Fall "back"* by turning your clocks **BACK 1 hour** at **2:00 a.m., Sunday, November 3rd**



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Refuse & Recycling Collection Contract

As you know, the Board of Supervisors awarded a three (3) year refuse & recycling collection contract to Republic Services, which began July 1, 2019. Under state law, the Township is required to advertised for sealed bids for this type of service. Bids were received from Penn Waste and Republic Services, with the contract being awarded to Republic Services because they were the lowest bidder.

The Township office has received numerous telephone calls asking why the Board of Supervisors changed to Republic Services when the cost was higher than Penn Waste. The table below shows the bids submitted by both companies for year 1, which are compared to Penn Waste rates for the year ending June 30, 2019. While Republic Services' rates are higher than Penn Waste's, their rates are lower than the increase proposed by Penn Waste.

	July 2019 - June 2020		
BIDDER	Full-Service (per year)	Pay Per Bag (26 bags)	Toter Rental (per quarter)
Republic Services	\$279.60	\$169.00	\$9.00
Penn Waste	\$290.40	\$208.00	\$9.00
Penn Waste Rates (July 2018 - June 2019)	\$253.48	\$143.00	\$9.00

There are optional one-year extensions, up to two (2) years at the end of the three-year contract, which the Board of Supervisors will not consider until Spring 2022.

Note that the recycling toter is included in the Full-Service and Pay-Per-Bag service and is not a separate charge. The toter rental fee shown on the chart is for refuse and is optional.