



Shrewsbury Township News

June 2022

Seeking Creative Minds

New Township Logo/Seal

The Board of Supervisors is seeking creative ideas and designs for a new Township logo/seal.

Shrewsbury Township was established in 1742, with a long history of agriculture and a connect to the railroad.

Your submission can be hand drawn for consideration, and must be received at the Township office no later than **July 15, 2022**.

South Central York County
 **Senior Center**

New Freedom Community Center
 150 E. Main Street, New Freedom
 717-235-6060

Open Weekdays
 8:15 a.m.—2:15 p.m.

Temporary Sign Regulations

Including (not limited to) yard sale, real estate, political, civic event & business signs

- * **Maximum size** - six (6) sq. ft. per sign.
- * **Maximum number** - four (4) per property/business.
- * **Maximum height** (from the ground level) - six (6) feet.
- * **Maximum time** - 30 days prior to event and 7 days after event (political signs exempt from time limitations).
- * **Prohibited locations** - within road right-of-way (minimum of 10' from edge of the road).
- * **Penalties** - \$300/1st offense; \$600/2nd offense; and \$1,000/3rd offense.
- * **Without notice, signs can be removed and discarded.**



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Beginning to Take Shape

Administration & Maintenance Facility - 12341 Susquehanna Trail S



Refuse & Recycling Contract Awarded

A new contract for the weekly collection of refuse & recycling was awarded to Penn Waste, which takes effect July 1, 2022. Prior to the start of the new contract, Penn Waste will deliver new 64-gallon wheeled recycling carts AND (new with this contract) a 96-gallon wheeled trash cart. Republic Services will collect their wheeled recycling carts after the last collection in June.

The new contract was awarded after receiving sealed bids from Penn Waste and Republic Services (the current hauler). Penn Waste was the lower bidder for each year of the three (3) years beginning July 1, 2022. The bid results were as follows:

	FIRST Contract Year: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023		SECOND Contract Year: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024		THIRD Contract Year: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025	
BIDDER	Full-Service (per year)	Pay Per Bag (26 bags)	Full-Service (per year)	Pay Per Bag (26 bags)	Full-Service (per year)	Pay Per Bag (26 bags)
REPUBLIC SERVICES	\$ 345.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 369.12	\$ 278.20	\$ 394.80	\$ 297.70
PENN WASTE	\$ 342.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 359.16	\$ 273.00	\$ 377.04	\$ 286.00
<i>CURRENT RATES (May 2022)</i>	<i>\$ 311.04</i>	<i>\$ 197.70</i>				

The contract allows for two (2) extensions at one (1) year increments, provided the Township and Penn Waste mutually agree upon any such extension. The bids received for extension years are as follows:

	OPTIONAL YEAR 1 - FOURTH YEAR July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		OPTIONAL YEAR 2 - FIFTH YEAR July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027	
BIDDER	Full-Service (per year)	Pay Per Bag (26 bags)	Full-Service (per year)	Pay Per Bag (26 bags)
REPUBLIC SERVICES	\$ 422.40	\$ 318.50	\$ 451.92	\$ 340.60
PENN WASTE	\$ 395.88	\$ 299.00	\$ 415.68	\$ 312.00



Subdivision & Land Development Activity

Since the last newsletter, the following plans have been either received for consideration or have been (conditionally) approved, or approved & recorded at the York County Recorder of Deeds.

Pending Plans (under review by Township Staff; not yet approved)

- ~ Powers & Almony - E. Tolna Road & Keeney Sunset Lane; 4 lot single-family subdivision (on hold by developer).
- ~ Ravenwoods at Shrewsbury - Mt. Airy Road; 198 new single family & townhouse homes (on hold by developer).
- ~ Smith Tract Land Development - Mt. Airy & E. Tolna Roads; 46 new single-family homes (55+ community).
- ~ Two Farms Inc. (Royal Farms) - E. Forrest Avenue & Wolfe Road; final land development for convenience store.
- ~ U.S. Industrial "Hillwood" - Elm Drive; land development for 611,000 sq. ft. warehouse.

Approved Plans (conditional approval)

- ~ David Keller & Ellen Darby - Baltimore Street; land development for restaurant in Village of Seitzland.
- ~ Moove In Partners - Harvey Court; land development plan for additional storage buildings.
- ~ Presidential Heights Associates - Buchanan Avenue; subdivision for 4 single-family lots.
- ~ Shipley Family Limited Partnership - E. Forrest Avenue; subdivision for redevelopment.
- ~ Sussex Place Phase II - Mt. Airy Road; subdivision for 19 additional townhouses.
- ~ The Shoppes at Shrewsbury - E. Forrest Avenue; land development of existing building for new retail store.
- ~ Two Farms, Inc. (Royal Farms) - E. Forrest Ave & Wolfe Road; preliminary land development for convenience store.

Approved & Recorded Plans (at York County Recorder of Deeds)

- ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Campbell Road; land development for new church.
- ~ Southern York County School District - Fissels Church Road; High school renovations/expansion.
- ~ Jason & Kamela Dunaja - Bricker Court & Cherry Lane; reverse subdivision to combine multiple lots into one lot.

DID YOU KNOW...

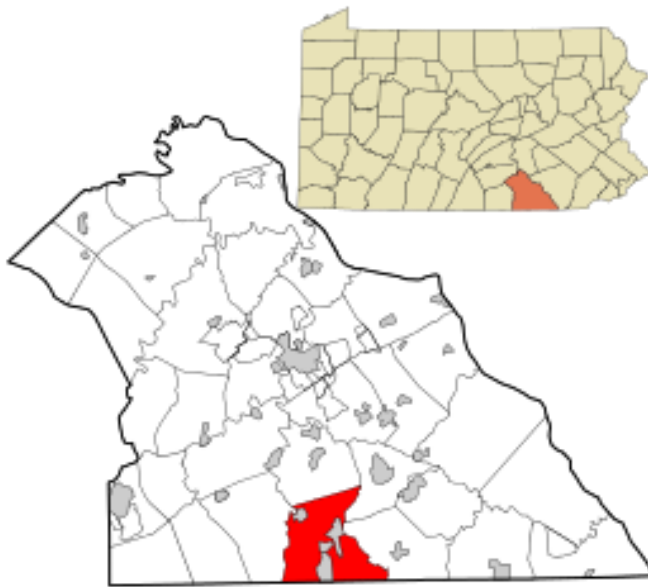
Pennsylvania is one of four U.S. states calling themselves a commonwealth. The difference between a commonwealth and a state is in name only, with commonwealth using the historic form of state. Pennsylvania consists of several types of municipalities – a catch all phrase for any county, city, incorporated town, borough, or township. Each municipality is a self-governing defined political subdivision unit. School districts and authorities are not part of any municipality. All Pennsylvania residents live within two types of municipalities, a county, and a local government. Counties have few centralized government activities and push government functions down to lower levels.



Municipalities follow codified laws that define their government and duties. Pennsylvania has 67 counties, 56 cities, 959 boroughs, and 1,540 townships. Boroughs are typically smaller in area than townships and have a denser population. Most are under 5,000 in population. They all follow the Pennsylvania Borough Code. Townships are normally larger in area than boroughs with a less dense population. They are the oldest and most decentralized form of government in the United States. They follow the Pennsylvania Township Code.

WHAT ABOUT SHREWSBURY TOWNSHIP?

(Not to be confused with Shrewsbury Borough, which is a separate municipality and is surrounded by Shrewsbury Township). Shrewsbury Township was settled in 1739 and incorporated in 1742, while part of Lancaster County. Later, it was one of the original 13 townships that made up York County. Border conflicts between settlers in Pennsylvania and Maryland were resolved by the establishment of the Mason-Dixon Line in 1767. The Township was much larger in those days and included the areas of most neighboring municipalities today. Now, York County includes 72 municipalities and 16 school districts. Shrewsbury Township is classified as a second-class township (defined by population density). It is served by the Southern York County School District. The Township's population is just under 7,000, with approximately 2,500 homes. Senior citizens own over 700 of those homes. About 300 of the homes are rented, with 89 occupied by seniors. 250 seniors in the Township live alone.



Other Township facts:

The Township covers 29 square miles. It surrounds the Boroughs of Shrewsbury, New Freedom, Glen Rock, and Railroad. The Township borders Hopewell and North Hopewell Townships to the east, Springfield Township to the north, Codorus Township to the west, and Baltimore County, Maryland to the south. The Township includes 18,560 acres of which 15,399 are in the agriculture zone. The Township maintains 79 miles of Township roads. There are an additional 39 miles of state-maintained roads within the Township.

Real estate taxes for a home assessed at \$250,000 include a York County 6.9 mill rate equal to \$1,725 and a Township rate of .0074 mills equal to \$18.50. In addition, there is a fire services tax of .46 mills equal to \$115.00 that is distributed in full to the 3 fire companies that serve the Township. The school tax for 2021 was 19.91 mills equal to \$4,977.50. All tax amounts

cited are exclusive of discounts and the homestead exclusion. Residents should be pleased that Shrewsbury Township taxes are among the very lowest in York County yet provide outstanding services to the community.

The Township is blessed with a skilled, resourceful, and dedicated group of employees. They include a Manager, 2 full time and 1 part-time administrative employees, and a 7-employee maintenance team. The maintenance team is responsible for repair and maintenance of Township roads, bridges, culverts, and signs. Also, for storm water facilities, five (5) Township parks and recreation areas, and Township buildings and grounds. New, co-located maintenance and administrative facilities are currently under construction.

We thank you for being caring and concerned residents of the Township and for participating in preserving the appearance and well-being of our community.

Where Does Your Tax Dollar Go?

Municipal, County & School Tax

There are two (2) real estate tax bills issued each year. One for is the County/Municipal tax bill and the second is the School tax bill.

The **County/Municipal** tax bill is distributed in February and includes the real estate tax for York County and Shrewsbury Township. It also includes the Fire Protection tax that is collected by the Township and then distributed to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve the Township. In addition, for any property located within 780 feet of a fire hydrant, there is collected a Hydrant assessment, which is used solely for paying fire hydrant rent The York Water Company and the Glen Rock Water Authority. The **School** tax bill is distributed in July and includes the real estate tax due to the Southern York School District.

The graphic to the right demonstrates the distribution of your annual tax dollar between Shrewsbury Township, York County, and the Southern York County School District.

Shrewsbury Firemen's Carnival

June 27 - July 2, 2022

Opening Every Night at 5:30 p.m.

Rides Opening at 6:00 p.m.

Nightly Entertainment

Shows start @ 7:30 p.m.

- ♦ Monday: **Borderline** (Country)
- ♦ Tuesday: **Dean Phillips Band** (Bluegrass)
- ♦ Wednesday: **Whiskey on the Rocks** (Country)
- ♦ Thursday: **Stonewood** (Country)
- ♦ Friday: **Coly Wilbur Band** (Country)
- ♦ Saturday: **Grant Bryan Band** (Country)

Fireworks on Saturday, July 2nd @ 10:45 p.m.

Lots of food, games, and fun!



School

72.56%

19.910 mills

\$3,982.00

County

25.15%

6.900 mills

\$1,380.00

Township

2.29%

0.629 mills *

\$125.80

Tax amounts are based on millage rates as of April 2022 and for a home assessed at \$200,000.

* Total includes the real estate tax at 0.074 mill, fire protection tax at 0.460 mill, and hydrant assessment at 0.095 mill.

Additional Service Option

Receive Township Alerts

Sign up to receive township notifications via text message.

To opt in text **SHREWSBURY** to: **91896**

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You will receive up to 4 text messages a month with a notification for each alert category selection.
- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details.

How to Opt-Out:

Text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

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Outdoor Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Utility Trailers

Spring has arrived and everyone is preparing for the warm summer days when outdoor enthusiasts spruce up their campers, boats, recreational vehicles, and utility trailers.

Keep in mind that boats, campers, and other recreational vehicles, as well as utility trailers, cannot be kept in a front yard area (defined as the area between the front wall of the principal building and street) for more than three (3) days in any seven (7) day period.

Recreational vehicles are defined to include trailer, motor home, camper, sleigh, snowmobile, off-road vehicle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, boat trailer, airplane, or any other similar vehicle. These vehicles and trailers can be stored in the side or rear yard.

Burn Permits for 2022

Be prepared when spring arrives and get your burn permit today! A burn permit is valid for the calendar year and must be obtained from Shrewsbury Township. The annual fee is **\$5.00** for small scale fires (under 20 sq. ft.). All permits are issued in the name of the property owner and must be signed by one or more of the owners.

Miller Park Improvements Slated for Fall 2022

Through a matching grant from the PA Department Conservation and Natural Resources, additions to the park will include a medium & large sized picnic pavilions,



grills, benches, corn toss stations, rain garden, tot lot, and a youth playground. The project is expected to cost \$563,600.

2021 Fire Tax Distributed

The 2021 Fire Tax was distributed in November 2021 to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township. The total tax collected for distribution was \$256,117. Fire companies use the tax payments to train volunteers, as well as maintain their facilities and equipment. After the tax collector's commission and workers' compensation premiums for each fire company were deducted, the fire companies received the following tax distributions:



- **Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Company** - \$64,415
- **Rose Fire Company (New Freedom)** - \$83,102
- **Shrewsbury Fire Company** - \$108,600

New Freedom Carnival

July 4 - July 9, 2022

Nightly Entertainment

7:30 - 11:00 p.m.

- ♦ Monday: **"to be determined"**
- ♦ Tuesday: **Josh Christina**
- ♦ Wednesday: **Marshall Stone Band**
- ♦ Thursday: **Cheap Sneakers**
- ♦ Friday: **Ren Williams Band**
- ♦ Saturday: **Joe Forrester (Elvis and Rock and Roll)**

Kiddie Fireworks on Wednesday,
July 6th @ 9:30 p.m.

Big Fireworks on Saturday,
July 9th @ 11:00 p.m.

Lots of food, games, and fun!



ATTENTION SHREWSBURY BOROUGH WATER & SEWER CUSTOMERS

Credit/Debit Card Payments

Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Authority customers will be able to pay their sewer bills with a credit/debit card through the Borough's website in the near future. The charge is 2.5%. Many customers pay the bill on line through their bank using Bill Pay or PC Banking, whatever their bank calls it, and we are not aware of a charge to do that. Just allow at least ten days in order for the check to arrive at the Borough office by the due date. There is a drop box to the left of our door for payments also, you don't need an envelope. We empty the box several times a day. The Borough makes a courtesy reminder call a few days before the bill is due in case the bill wasn't received or was misplaced.

Safe Drinking Water Report

Shrewsbury Borough Water is safe to drink and we are very proud of our high-quality resource! The 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available for viewing at the Borough's website

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Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held
at 7:00 p.m. in the
Township Municipal Building,
11505 Susquehanna Trail South,
Glen Rock, PA 17327

Board of Supervisors

July 6, 2022
August 3, 2022
September 7, 2022
October 5, 2022

Planning Commission

July 20, 2022
August 17, 2022
September 21, 2022
October 19, 2022

2022 PA Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program

Are you:

- 65 or older; a widow/widower 50 or older; **OR**
- 18 or older and permanently disabled; **AND**
- A homeowner and have a total income not exceeding \$35,000 annually; **OR**
- A renter and have a total income not exceeding \$15,000 annually.

If you meet these criteria you may be eligible for property tax or rent rebate. Note that only half of any Social Security benefits are counted toward annual income.

State Representative Kate A. Klunk's office can assist with the application. If you have questions or need assistance, please call her office at 717-630-8942.

Filing deadline is **June 30, 2022**.

Holiday Closings

July 4th



September 5th



Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday:
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.