



# Shrewsbury Township News

October 2021

## Message from the Board of Supervisors

### **New Municipal Building**

As you may recall from our last Newsletter, the Township's forty-five-year-old maintenance building located at Hametown Park required major repairs and upgrades to meet code. The roof leaks, requiring constant patching, and needs to be replaced. Old, malfunctioning heating systems are band-aided regularly to keep them functioning. Floors, walls, and exterior siding are in poor condition. Restrooms are outdated and quick nap/overnight sleeping and break accommodations for 24-hour emergency response (snowstorms, etc.) are lacking. The maintenance building is also too small to house Township vehicles and equipment required to meet maintenance needs. The Township maintenance crew performs all minor and major equipment repairs and maintenance in-house, offering a great benefit and considerable cost savings to Township taxpayers. The work is performed without the benefit of a vehicle lift or wash bay, which are included in the new facility. An engineering consultant's study recommended replacement of the maintenance facility as the most effective long-term solution. After considerable review, cost studies and deliberation, the Board decided to move forward with a new maintenance facility.

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## Fireworks - Know the Law

- \* They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- \* They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- \* They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- \* They cannot be discharged **within 150 feet of an occupied structure**, whether or not a person is actually present.
- \* They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.



## Dedication Ceremony

**I-83 EXIT 4 Welcome Sign & American Flag/Pole  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway**

**October 23, 2021 - 2:00 PM**

Join the community as we honor our veterans and dedicate our Welcome Sign, American Flag, and Flagpole.

**New Freedom Lions  
Shrewsbury Lions  
SYC Rotary  
VFW Post 7012**

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## 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.

### New Plans

- ~ Presidential Heights Associates - Buchanan Avenue; subdivision for 4 single-family lots.
- ~ WAJASA Properties - Elm Drive; land development plan for expanding flex building from 2 tenants to 3 tenants.
- ~ Jason & Kamela Dunaja - Bricker Court & Cherry Lane; reverse subdivision to combine multiple lots into one lot.
- ~ Two Farms Inc. - E. Forrest Avenue; land development for convenience store.

### Pending Plans (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).
- ~ Shipley Family Limited Partnership - E. Forrest Avenue; redevelopment for new convenience & new retail store.
- ~ The Shoppes at Shrewsbury - E. Forrest Avenue; land development of existing building for a new retail store.

### Approved Plans (conditional approval)

- ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Campbell Road; land development for new church.
- ~ David Keller & Ellen Darby - Baltimore Street; land development for restaurant in Village of Seitzland.
- ~ Southern York County School District - Fissels Church Road; High school renovations/expansion.

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

- ~ Glen Rock Amish Parochial School - Holley Road; land development for new one-room school.
- ~ Shrewsbury Township - Hametown Park; land development for new municipal building.
- ~ Steel Farm Land LLC - Elm Drive; land development for brewery distribution.
- ~ Wayne & Becky McCullough - Seitzland Road - 2 lot single-family subdivision.

### Trash & Recycling

#### Holiday Collection Schedule

Trash & Recycling collection will be delayed one (1) day during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday, as follows:

- \* **Thursday (November 25<sup>th</sup>)** will be collected **Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**.
- \* **Friday (September 26<sup>th</sup>)** will be collected **Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be **NO delayed collections** over the **Christmas & New Year holidays**. Collections will be on regular days.

### Parking/Storage of Campers, Boats & Utility Trailers



As we say good bye to summer as fall weather ushers itself in, it is that time of year when outdoor enthusiasts are preparing for winter storage of their campers, boats, recreational vehicles, and utility trailers.

When doing so, please be remember 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.

### Trap - Neuter - Return (TNR) Program for Free-Roaming Cats

Are you are seeking assistance to trap and manage a colony of free-roaming cats? If so, the SPCA of York County can help. TNR is a method of spay/neuter for outdoor, free-roaming cats. Community cats rapidly reproduce, causing overpopulation, animal suffering, and high kitten mortality. Participating in TNR is the only proven way to humanely decrease the population of free-roaming community cats.

The York County SPCA offers assistance through their low cost program. Call (717) 764-6109 ext. 302 or email [clinic@ycsPCA.org](mailto:clinic@ycsPCA.org) to schedule a Trap-Neuter-Return appointment.



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The Board considered a separate option for a new administration building, incorporating an emergency management services facility, on the same site and connected to the new maintenance building. This consolidation would enhance communications, oversight and response of the administration, emergency management services, and maintenance operations. While the existing administration building was a great investment that has served the Township well for the last fifteen years, it is much larger than needed.

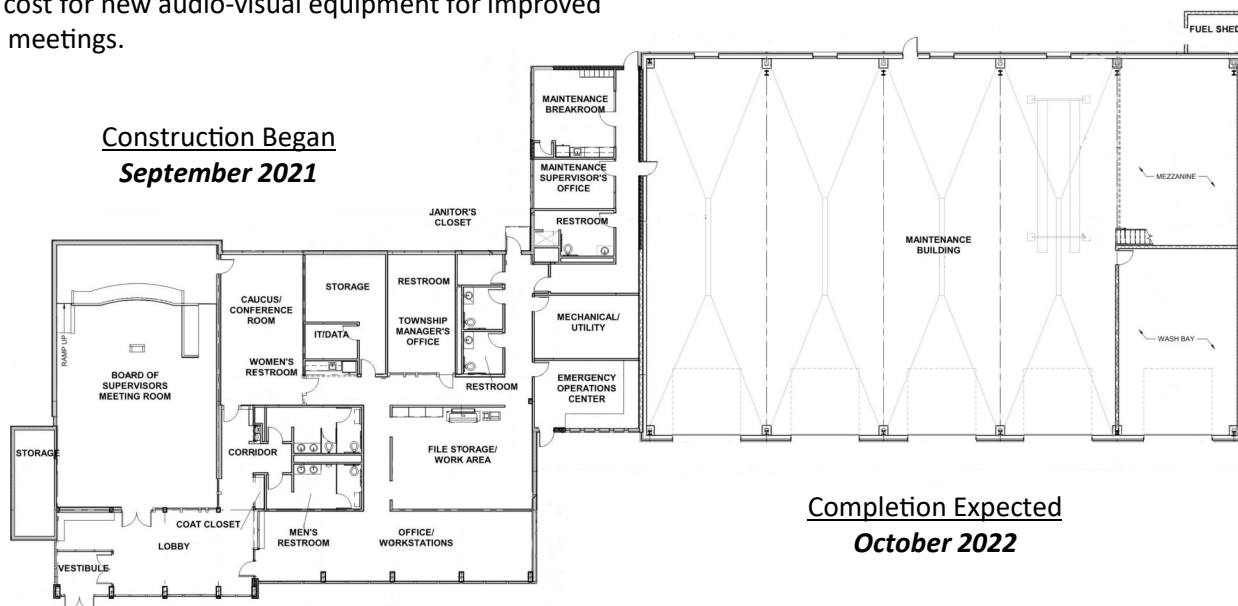
Currently, only about one-third of the building is utilized, but the entire building must be heated and maintained. There are maintenance issues with multiple HVAC systems and excessive utility and maintenance costs due to the large unused space. The current building needs improvements, including better security features to protect employees, public lobby/waiting area, and public restrooms in the lobby (travelers stop at the Township building seeking restrooms). A new facility would incorporate all of these needs as well as offer improved work flow and services to the public.

The current administration building should have significant resale value to help offset the cost of a new facility. The building is debt free. The cost of site preparation is just about the same whether for the maintenance building alone or the maintenance and administration building together. The Township is receiving \$740,000 in Federal American Rescue Plan (APR) funds, which are restricted in use for COVID-19 related costs. These funds can also be used for stormwater control, which the Township is using to offset the cost of the stormwater management portion of the site, as well as the cost for new audio-visual equipment for improved virtual meetings.

Additional cost savings will be realized by having the Township maintenance crew perform significant tasks, including removal of the baseball/softball field, bleachers, backstop, and fencing (the field was not used the last few years). Township crews also removed asphalt and concrete. They will also construct the new salt shed and do much of the asphalt paving, landscaping, and planting around the new facility.

The Board suffered sticker shock when construction bids were opened, but not totally unexpected considering the rapid increases in the cost of wood, steel, concrete, and related items. Luckily, bids were received even as these prices continued to rise. The bids received were extremely competitive. The other significant consideration was the Township's good fortune to obtain a fantastic interest rate to borrow funds at 2.62%, with that rate guaranteed for the full 25-year loan period, which is almost unheard of today in municipal borrowing (typically rates are fixed 3 to 7 years and then variable for the remainder of the term). This option was offered by only one lending institution, C&N Bank.

So, after considerable review, evaluation, and deliberation (nearly two years), the Board decided to move forward with both the new maintenance and administrative facility. Financing has been secured as identified previously and construction contracts have been awarded. We anticipate 14 months to completion. The Board believes this decision serves the best long-term interests of the Township. A critical consideration is that we believe the project can be funded from the current revenue stream and a tax increase is not anticipated.



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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

October 6, 2021  
November 3, 2021  
December 1, 2021  
January 3, 2022

### Planning Commission

October 20, 2021  
November 17, 2021  
December 15, 2021  
January 19, 2022

## Office Hours

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

## Holiday Closings

**November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanksgiving  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas  
**December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
New Year's



## Changes to Sign Ordinance

**Includes (not limited to) yard, real estate, political, civic event & business signs**

Chapter 19 (Sign Regulations) of the Township Code of Ordinances was amended on September 1, 2021. The most significant amendments involve the size and placement of temporary signs, banners, flags, etc. The new regulations are as follows:

- \* 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 (recommend minimum of 10' from edge of the road).
- \* Signs in violation - can be removed without notice and discarded.
- \* Penalties - \$300/1st offense; \$600/2nd offense; and \$1,000/3rd offense.