

# MONROE TOWNSHIP



Newsletter – Spring 2018

39 MUNICIPAL DRIVE  
SELINSGROVE, PA 17870  
www.monroetwpsnydercopa.com



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

### 2018 Monroe Township Budget

<b>Income:</b>	
Taxes	\$864,750
Interest	\$ 30,250
Billboard Fees	\$ 12,000
State/Local Fines	\$ 10,000
Recycling	\$ 7,500
PUC Tax	\$ 1,000
PLCB Fees	\$ 2,200
Pension Aid	\$ 12,000
Fireman Relief Aid	\$ 30,000
Review Fees	\$ 5,150
Zoning Permit Fees	\$ 26,000
SEO Permit Fees	\$ 4,000
Park Rental Fees	\$ 1,000
Rec. Donations	\$ 10,500
Misc. Income	\$ 59,800
State Fuels Tax	\$204,011
State Rd. Turnback	\$ 640
County Road Aid	\$ 4,745
<b>Est. Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,285,546</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Administrative	\$ 16,340
Building	\$ 27,250
Legal Fees	\$ 40,000
Engineering Fees	\$ 65,000
Payroll	\$232,795
Payroll Taxes	\$ 20,000
Employee Benefits	\$ 93,150
Fire/Public Safety	\$176,090
Zoning	\$ 6,325
SEO Fees Contracted	\$ 4,000
Recycling/Waste	\$ 53,150
Roads/Drainage	\$413,356
Road Equipment	\$ 48,000
Recreation Parks	\$ 41,500
Library Donation	\$ 12,500
Other Donations	\$ 9,145
NESCJA Fee	\$ 700
Insurances	\$ 27,895
<b>Est. Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,287,196</b>

### Balances at 12/31/17:

General Fund	\$1,205,350.07
Investment Fund	\$1,346,270.18
State LF Road Fund	\$884.54

*The Monroe Township Recreation Committee is planning to replace the wooden arc at Recreation Park #2 on Lost Creek Drive. If you know an organization who would be interested, please have them contact the Township office. It's free to whoever wants to haul it away!*

## ELECTION NEWS!

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote or where your polling place is located please contact the Snyder County Election Office, Patricia P. Nace, Election Director at 570-837-4286.

### Election dates:

Last day to register before the primary – April 16, 2018

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot – May 8, 2018

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots – May 11, 2018

### **Primary Election – May 15, 2018**

### WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD:

\*The General Election is held in even-numbered years, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

\*The Municipal Election is held in odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

\*The Primary Election in each even-numbered year is called the General Primary and is held on the third Tuesday of May, except in Presidential years when it is held on the fourth Tuesday of April.

\*The Primary Election in each odd-numbered year is called the Municipal Primary and is held on the third Tuesday of May.

\*Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of Superior and Commonwealth Courts, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Judges of Community Courts (if established), Magisterial District Judges, Constables and all county, municipal, school district and election district officers are elected only at Municipal Elections.

\*Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senators, Representatives in Congress, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly are elected only at a General Election.

\*The polls are open at all primaries and elections between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., prevailing time.

## Selinsgrove Area Community

### Pool News: Welcome Spring!

The pool opens for the season on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and daily beginning the last day of school for the Selinsgrove School District. Join us on Memorial Day for FREE admission.

The **Pool's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is Sunday, July 1, 2018.** We are kicking off the festivities with a Dash & Splash 5K run/walk on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, followed by a Community FREE Swim on both Sat., June 30<sup>th</sup> and

(cont'd on page 2)

## PAGE 2

*(Pool news continued)*

Sun., July 1, which includes music, games and more. We are looking for volunteers and donations for the 5K and Anniversary weekend. Swimming lessons will again be offered for \$20.

The pool is hiring Pool Managers and lifeguards. If interested, email Carrie at

[cbriggs914@gmail.com](mailto:cbriggs914@gmail.com).

Thanks for your donations and attendance last year and we hope you join us for an exciting anniversary celebration this summer. For more information, see Pool's Facebook page, visit the webpage

[www.selinsgrovepool.com](http://www.selinsgrovepool.com) or call the Pool during pool hours at 570-884-3500.

### **News from the Hummels Wharf Volunteer Fire Company**

Spring is here! As we look around our homes and begin to "clean-up," we need to keep in mind several items for our own safety.

**BURNING:** If you plan on burning any of the leaves, branches, cuttings, etc., please remember to do so in an enclosed area covered by a screen at least 50 ft. from any structures. Also, please remember that the Township Burning Ordinance requires that all burning materials must be completely extinguished by sundown.

**HOUSE NUMBERS:** Another important item deals with house/mailbox numbers. If you have a mailbox alongside the road, please make sure that the numbers

are on both sides (we don't always travel the same direction as the postman) and are 3 – 4" high. The larger, the better in the night! If your numbers are on the house, please make sure they are very readable from the street.

**TRAFFIC:** Have you noticed the increased traffic in the township? It's an everyday occurrence. Please keep in mind that all of the construction projects in the area mean many new people in the area. The power plant will soon be "On line". We can see the construction of the Thruway Bridge in Winfield and when the construction begins on the southern section of the thruway, traffic will get worse. Because of all of this, there are also plans for hotels and restaurants to support the increased number of visitors and workers. Keep in mind this will last for at least 10 years.

**THE HUMMELS WHARF FIRE COMPANY:** The increased traffic on the Old Trail is already quite evident. However, the closure of roads, both long term and short, will provide us with a new problem – increased response time! Last Spring, we talked about a smaller, AWD vehicle that will enable us to access places that we currently cannot access. I am happy to report that the vehicle has been ordered. The cost of the vehicle is around \$300,000. However, it will cost another \$75 – 95,000 to equip it! We have applied to many foundations as well as the federal government

for financial help to equip the Mini Attack/Rescue vehicle.

### **THE MONROE TOWNSHIP**

**SUPERVISORS:** The Supervisors have been very supportive of the fire company. Your support is very important to us as we are **YOUR** fire company. We are pledged to protect you but we also need your help. We are at your service 24/7/365. Do you know of anyone else who can say that? You will find us at the mall during Fire Prevention week, at the Selinsgrove Elementary School for their "Trunk or Treat" night, on the highway at an accident, or wherever our services are needed. We will have smoke detector (9V) batteries to give to you. You will be able to pick them up at the mall, fire station, or the Monroe Township Municipal Building. Please feel free to stop in at the fire station any evening and bring the children. We will have fire safety items for them.

In closing, we have one other need: personnel. We have begun an active program to find people who are interested in firefighting. We will provide the training, the protective clothing, and all the safety equipment needed. Our common goal is simple: **EVERYONE GOES HOME!** There are inherent dangers associated with firefighting but we strive to keep our people as safe as possible just as we strive to keep you and your family as safe as possible. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

## TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAYS

**Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28, 2018 7am – 7pm  
Drop Off Your Items for Cleanup Days at the Monroe Township Recycling Yard (off Park Road)**

**Monroe Township no longer accepts computers or electronics** (including televisions, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, cordless and cell phones, cameras, copiers)

**PLEASE SEPARATE OUT** the following items for recycling:

- **major appliances**
- **metals and anything made of metal** (Note: remove tanks from gas grills and drain fluids from lawn mowers)
- **clothing and textiles** (including shoes and handbags) and **books**

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:**

any type of battery other than rechargeable, asbestos, driveway sealer and paint cans/containers (unless empty and dried out inside), tires, yard waste, and any items accepted on Recycling Day.



**NEWS From Hummels Wharf Municipal Authority**

As a result of increased costs to Hummels Wharf Municipal Authority it became necessary to

increase our sewer rates to our customers by \$5.00 per EDU per month. Residential user rates will increase from \$110.00 per quarter to \$125.00 per quarter beginning with the April 1, 2018 billing. Commercial and industrial rates will be adjusted according to the EDU's affiliated with their individual accounts.

**HWMA Office** - The HWMA Office is located in the Monroe Township Municipal Building located at 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove. Our mailing address is P O Box 165, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831. You may reach us also by email at: [hummelswharfmunauth@hotmail.com](mailto:hummelswharfmunauth@hotmail.com). Normal office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If a sewer emergency occurs HWMA personnel may be contacted by dialing the 911 center.

**QUARTERLY SEWER BILLS** are mailed on or before the following dates;

**Jan 2** - for the prior 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (October, November, December)

**Apr 1** - for the prior 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (January, February, March)

**Jul 1** - for the prior 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April, May, June)

**Oct 1** - for the prior 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July, August, September)

Please note if you have not received your quarterly sewer bill within a few days after the mailing date we ask that you notify the HWMA office and a statement will be sent to you.

**SEWER PAYMENTS – Payments are accepted in the HWMA office during regular**

**office hours, by mail or at the Northumberland National Bank on Lori Lane (located behind Lowe's). Please note if you make payment at any other branch of the Northumberland Bank it may take a few more days till it is received by the HWMA Office.** Additionally, sewer payments may be made by check or money order (no cash please) in the lock box, inside, next to the HWMA office window during regular Monroe Township office hours which are Mondays thru Fridays from 8:30 to 4:30.

In order to ensure that the correct account is credited we ask that our customers write their account numbers on their checks or money orders. Post-dated checks will not be accepted by our office. There will be a \$50.00 fee for all checks that are returned to us for insufficient funds.



**The Monroe Township Compost Site plan is moving forward!** Bids have gone out and an excavator has been chosen. Work at the site will be completed over the summer so we should be ready to accept those leaves and tree trimmings as we head towards Fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information! This project was made possible by a recycling grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under Section 902 of Act 101.

MONROE TOWNSHIP  
39 MUNICIPAL DRIVE  
SELINGSGROVE, PA 17870

FIRST CLASS MAIL  
US POSTAGE PAID  
Selingsgrove, PA  
Permit No. 28

### **JUST A REMINDER**

A zoning permit is **required** for all the following:



Paving driveways, installation of fences, swimming pools, decks, sheds, patios, building additions, garages and new home construction.

If you are not sure, please give the Zoning Officer a call to find out if your project needs a zoning permit.

The Township Zoning Officer's office hours are on **Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm**. You may contact the Township Zoning Office by calling (570)743-7057 Ext 2 or by email at [twpzoning@verizon.net](mailto:twpzoning@verizon.net)

**2018 TAX COLLECTOR NEWS:** The 2018 Spring Tax Bill office hours for Grace Colahan, Township Tax Collector are:

Apr 16,17,18, 23 & 24: 10 am to 1 pm
April 30: 1 pm to 6 pm

All Other Hours by Appointment  
Please call 570-374-6989. When you pay your taxes by mail please enclose your tax bills and keep a copy for your own records. If you are paying your taxes by mail and need a receipt, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax bills and payment. In order to apply for the rent rebate, you must have your tax bills stamped "PAID" by the Tax

Collector. Also, please notify the Tax Collector if you are moving or have a change of address.

### **WHAT IS A PER CAPITA TAX?**

A per capita tax is a flat rate tax levied upon each adult within the taxing district.

Are you 18 years of age or older? If so, you should be receiving a tax bill. If you are currently not receiving this bill, please contact the Snyder County Assessment Office at 570-837-4315 or e-mail [assessment@snydercounty.org](mailto:assessment@snydercounty.org).



**GET INVOLVED!** Monroe Township is looking for residents that would be interested in serving as Alternate members of the Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board. Contact the office if you are interested in serving your community.



# SNYDER COUNTY

## 2018 Recycling Events

**APPLIANCES \* METALS \* ELECTRONICS  
CHEMICALS \* CLOTHING \* BOOKS**

### SELINGROVE AREA **Monroe Township Shed**

*(On Park Road -1 mile from Rts. 11 & 15)*

FRIDAY, **June 1** - 3 pm to 7 pm  
SATURDAY, **June 2** - 9 am to 1 pm

### WESTERN SNYDER COUNTY **Beavertown Carnival Grounds**

*(222 Sassafras Ave. Behind Fire Co.)*

FRIDAY, **October 26** - 3 pm to 7 pm  
SATURDAY, **October 27** - 9 am to 1pm

**New format this year! We are accepting household chemicals! ECS&R, a private contractor, is taking chemicals and electronic devices. You must have an appointment to drop off these items. Please call 866-815-0016 or visit [www.ecsr.net](http://www.ecsr.net) to preregister. There is a charge for these items. We are taking donations to cover miscellaneous expenses.**

#### **ELECTRONICS**

Computers  
Monitors  
Printers  
Copiers  
Ink jet cartridges  
Keyboards  
Peripherals  
Scanners  
Modems  
Routers  
Servers  
Laptop computers  
Cables & wires  
Phones  
Televisions (all sizes)  
DVD & VCR players  
Stereos  
Radios  
Tablets & Ipads

#### **APPLIANCES & METALS**

Air conditioners  
Dehumidifiers  
Freezers  
Refrigerators  
Stoves  
Washers & dryers  
Water heaters  
Dishwashers  
Gas grills  
Gas grill tanks  
(valve removed)  
Small propane cylinders  
Lawn mowers  
(drain oil & gas)  
Microwaves  
Tire rims (no tires)

#### **CLOTHING & TEXTILES**

Clothing  
Belts  
Blankets  
Curtains  
Jeans  
Purses & shoes  
Towels  
Textiles & fabrics  
Yarns  
Clean dry rags

YES, We want your clothing with holes, stains and broken zippers because it can be recycled.

All clothing **MUST BE DRY** with **NO MILDEW**

#### **OTHERS**

Books  
Paperback books  
Hardcover books  
Pamphlets  
Magazines  
Encyclopedias  
**Handicap Equipment**  
Wheelchairs –walkers  
Canes—shower chairs

#### **WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**

VCR tapes, CD & DVD disks  
Large wooden speakers  
Styrofoam  
Coffee makers  
Wooden crutches  
Vacuums  
Humidifiers

**CHEMICALS** Paints, automotive fluids, insecticides, pesticides, oil, cleaners, fuels, aerosols, batteries, bleach, pool chemicals, light bulbs, and more

This event is sponsored by the Snyder County Solid Waste Management Authority.  
Questions can be directed to Tom Gibson at [scswma@snydercounty.org](mailto:scswma@snydercounty.org) or 570-374-6889, x-115.