

## MANAGER'S REPORT

November 7, 2016

### **Announcements:**

- Election Day is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Township office is a polling location and municipal offices will be closed.
- I recently participated in a tour with the Natural Lands Trust and the William Penn Foundation of open space properties, including 1422 St. Matthews Road, (Bryn Coed) and 1769 St. Matthews Road, (16 Years LLC), on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Participants on the tour were very interested in hearing about the progress on open space preservation efforts in the Township.
- A public meeting presented by the Township and the Natural Lands Trust will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ludwig's Corner Fire Hall to discuss the Bryn Coed project.
- The Chester County Planning Commission recently awarded grant funding in the amount of \$77,180.00 to the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee for our Regional Comprehensive Plan. The project will begin in January 2017. Unfortunately, the Township did not receive an award for the Zoning Update. Chester County had numerous applications and limited funds during this round. We are encouraged to resubmit next year.
- The Township General Obligation bonds have been sold and the process was successful. The projected costs savings have been met, and the Township should expect to have \$15-\$25,000 in bond payment savings per year through 2031.
- The PennDOT bridge construction at Rt. 401 & St. Matthews Road is still underway. PennDOT completed temporary traffic modifications by adding two additional four ways stops to St. Matthews Road & Horseshoe Trail Road and Rt. 401 and Chester Springs Road.
- The Township is currently advertising for the position of Road Laborer. Applications are available on our website, and are due on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- The 2017 Budget Process is underway with a target date to advertise the Budget by November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### **French Creek Road Arch Replacement:**

- The design and engineering is underway. The Township is awaiting permit approval through DEP. The project is slated to go out to bid in January 2017.

### **Buttonwood Lane Bridge:**

- An emergency permit has been submitted to DEP in preparation for the installation of a temporary mid - span support on the existing bridge. Fidelity Contracting, LLC will be performing the temporary repair within the next few weeks.

### **Fellowship Trail:**

- The design of the Fellowship Trail Weatherstone Connection is underway. The storm water management plans will be completed in the next few weeks. Once the design and plans are complete, the Township will coordinate with Upper Uwchlan Township in reviewing the crossing at Fellowship Road for approval and concurrence. Bid documents will be generated and the project is slated to be put out to bid in January 2017.

### **Road Report:**

- In the month of October, the Township submitted grant applications to the Chester County Conservation District for the Dirt & Gravel Road Program for a total project cost of \$49,719.92. The grant funds are proposed to be used for drainage projects located at Green Lane, Jaine Lane, and Bartlett Lane in the Township.
- In the month of October, the Road Crew has cleaned out several pipes and inlets, ditched Red Bone, French Creek, and Beaver Hill Roads, filled in shoulders on Horseshoe Trail Road and Kimberton Roads, replaced stop signs and speed limit signs on Red Bone Road, ordered and obtained road salt, performed PA One Calls, and assisted with the PennDOT traffic detour on Rt. 401 & St. Matthew's Road. Our Road Crew also assisted with a cat rescue at Weatherstone.
- In addition to bridge projects, the 2017 Draft Budget proposes to fund \$70,000 of double chip seal, \$350,000 of paving to Township roads.

Respectfully,

*Erica L. Batdorf*