

## MANAGER'S REPORT

March 6, 2017

### Announcements:

- The Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee met on February 22, 2017 to conduct Workshop #2 of the Comprehensive Plan project which focused on Maps, Housing, and Demographics.
- In addition to our regularly scheduled Committee meetings for the month, the Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting on March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Township's 2016 audit is underway and is anticipated to be finalized in early April.
- The Township received notice of our 2017 Liquid Fuels allocation in the total amount of \$241,635.51, (roughly \$10,000 more than budgeted in FY2017). The funds were deposited in the Township bank account on March 1, 2017.
- On February 27, 2017, the Township advertised a Request for Proposals for Architectural Services for a Township Building Complex Feasibility Study. In an effort to plan for existing and future service needs of the Township we are looking to obtain the services of an architectural firm to deliver a spatial need assessment report, provide a building feasibility analysis, prepare schematic design plans, and develop a cost estimate and project schedule for any recommended proposal. Proposals are due to the Township by 3:00 p.m. on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A public opening will take place thereafter at 3:15 p.m.
- The Township recently contracted with Thomas G. Keyes, Inc. in servicing our well. The contractor replaced the bladder tank, a faulty pump, and installed a Soda Ash Injection System as a method for raising the pH of the water to a safe level for use. The system will have to be maintained by adding water and soda periodically to keep the pH neutral throughout the year. The frequency of the maintenance will be determined by how much water is used daily. Township staff in coordination with Keyes will monitor the system and routinely test the water quality.
- Chief Swininger and I will be attending the PA Municipal League's Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service, (PELRAS) conference from March 21 through March 24, 2017 in Penn State.

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

- The Township received our DEP permit approval on March 3, 2017. The Township Engineer and staff will review the permit conditions and prepare a timeline for bidding and construction.

### **Hollow Road Bridge:**

- The Township is awaiting permit approval through DEP. The timeline for bidding is contingent upon this approval.

### **Buttonwood Lane Bridge:**

- The temporary shoring repair has been completed. Signs have been installed posting the new weight limits. Township staff are continuing to work on a permanent plan for the rehabilitation.

### **Fellowship Trail:**

- The Fellowship Trail Weatherstone Connection plans have been completed and submitted to Upper Uwchlan Township for approval. Regarding Phase II, the Fellowship Trail St. Matthew's Church connection, the Township is coordinating with representatives of the Church with regard to trail alignment, survey activities, and design.

### **Road Report:**

- In the month of February, the Road Department performed several PA one calls, ditched Sheeder Mill Road, filled in holes on Jaine and Davis Lane, unclogged stormwater pipes on Horseshoe Trail, and blew out ditches on Red Bone, St. Matthews, Horseshoe Trail, and Chester Springs Roads. The road crew monitored the Township's tree contractor in the removal of dead trees from Pine Drive, the St. Stephen's Green basin, and on Westover Lane. The road crew also coordinated with Verizon and PECO regarding the installation of utility poles. The road crew installed new street signs on Rt. 100 & Cedar Lane, Buttonwood Lane Bridge, Miller Road, and Horseshoe Trail. During the winter storm event on February 9, 2017 the road crew salted and plowed roads. Our snow contractor, OZ Property Management, supplemented the Township and did a nice job with their duties.
- The Township is awaiting approval from the US Fish and Wildlife Service prior to implementing our Dirt & Gravel road projects. The Township will coordinate with Asphalt Industries, Inc. on the double chip seal project schedule. The preparation of bid documents for road paving is underway.

Respectfully,

*Erica L. Batdorf*