

MANAGER'S REPORT

April 3, 2017

Announcements:

- I attended the Chester County Association of Township Officials Spring Conference on March 9, 2017.
- Township offices were closed due to severe winter weather on March 14, 2017.
- Staff participated in the PA Employee Labor Relations Service conference sponsored by the PA Municipal League on March 22 through March 24, 2017 in State College.
- The Northern Federation met on March 28, 2017. Bryan Styche, Transportation Director for Chester County, provided an overview of County activities related to transportation to date.
- The Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee met on March 29, 2017 to conduct Workshop #3 of the Comprehensive Plan project.
- I participated in the bi-annual Hopewell Big Woods Partnership Meeting at Warwick County Park on March 28, 2017.
- The Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to April 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Township's 2016 audit is nearly complete. The final report will be issued to the Board of Supervisors in the next few weeks and a presentation will be scheduled at a regular Board meeting.
- On February 27, 2017, the Township advertised a Request for Proposals for Architectural Services for a Township Building Complex Feasibility Study. The Township received fifteen competitive proposals which are under review.
- Township offices will be closed in honor of Good Friday on April 14, 2017.
- Community Day is approaching. The date is Saturday, May 13, 2017 and begins at 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- French & Pickering Creek Conservation Trust will be holding their 15th annual Iron Tour, a bicycling event for riders of all levels, on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The course begins and ends at Kimberton Fire Company and their route will pass through the Township as in years past.
- The Township Spring Newsletter will be distributed to residents next week.

French Creek Road Arch Replacement:

- The Township received our DEP permit approval on March 3, 2017. The Board of Supervisors authorized the project to go to bid on March 22, 2017. Bids will be let in the next few weeks.

Hollow Road Bridge:

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Buttonwood Lane Bridge:

- Township staff are continuing to work on a permanent plan for the rehabilitation.

Fellowship Trail:

- The Fellowship Trail Weatherstone Connection plans have been reviewed by Upper Uwchlan Township and we have received minor comments. These comments are being addressed by our Township Engineer. 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 March, the Road Department performed vehicle maintenance, PA one calls, cleaned out ditches on Horseshoe Trail, ditched Art School Road at Horseshoe Trail and Sheeder Mill Road.
- The road crew salted roads on March 10, 2017. Additionally, the crew prepared for the winter storm which occurred on March 14, 2017 including salting, plowing, and monitoring roads.
- The road crew graded Davis, French Creek, and St. Andrews Lane, as well as added stone to shoulders on S. Chester Springs Road and French Creek Road at Beaver Hill Road. The road crew walked Fox Hollow Trail at the Southdown development in preparation for clearing on March 29, 2017, as the property had been re-staked by the developer's surveyor. Further, the road crew blew out storm water inlets after recent rain events.
- 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. Bids will be let in the next few weeks for road paving.

Respectfully,

Erica L. Batdorf