

MANAGER'S REPORT

February 6, 2017

Announcements:

- The Township has launched our new social media platforms on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us or like us to receive updates on news, alerts, and programming in the Township.
- The Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee met on January 25, 2017 and kicked off the new Regional Comprehensive Plan. We spent time reviewing the 2008 Plan, as well as other County and Regional Plans. The Committee will begin to establish priority areas as a focus for the new Plan.
- As a member of the Steering Committee, I participated in the Phoenixville Region Multi modal Transportation Plan kick off meeting on January 26, 2017.
- I attended the Ludwig's Corner Fire Company Annual Awards Banquet on January 28, 2017. Several volunteer fire fighters received special accommodations, including Kevin Freese, a Road Laborer with the Township.
- In coordination with Francis Hall Insurance, Township staff completed a Harassment Avoidance training on January 25, 2017 as well as established a new Workplace Safety Committee on January 30, 2017. The mission of the Workplace Safety Committee is to develop, promote, and sustain a high standard of safety awareness to reduce the incident of work related diseases and injury by bringing employees together to share concerns of health and safety issues in a non-adversarial cooperative atmosphere.
- We have recently hired Grant Warren as the Township's new full time Road Laborer within the Road Department. Grant's first day was January 30, 2017.
- The Lafayette College Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government presented a workshop series for municipalities on the Legalization of Marijuana on February 1, 2017. The Township's Solicitor, John Walko, of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin presented on this topic as Pennsylvania recently signed its Medical Marijuana Program into law. The program is overseen by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Chief Swinger and I attended and learned about how the program may impact municipalities in the Commonwealth.
- The Township Secretary and I participated in a PSATs training on the Pennsylvania Ethics Act on February 2, 2017.

- The Chester County Conservation District and the Green Valleys Watershed Association will be holding a Manure Management Workshop at the Township building on February 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Township offices are closed for President's Day on February 20, 2017. The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting is February 21, 2017.

French Creek Road Arch Replacement:

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

Hollow Road Bridge:

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Buttonwood Lane Bridge:

- The temporary shoring repair has been completed. The Township received the new bridge weight limits of 25 tons, and 32 tons for combination vehicles and will post accordingly.

Fellowship Trail:

- The design and storm water management plan for the Fellowship Trail Weatherstone Connection is underway. The Township is coordinating with Upper Uwchlan Township now regarding approvals in anticipation of letting the project for bid next month. We are also reviewing possible grant opportunities to fund the Phase II trail connection. Coordination related to the design, alignment, and agreements regarding Phase II are underway.

Road Report:

- In the month of January, the Road Department performed several PA one calls, inspected inlets, graded Beaver Hill, French Creek, Saw Mill, Bertolet School, and Blackhorse Roads. The road crew graded and stoned St. Andrews, Dewees, Jaine, Green, and Bartlett Lanes.
- The road crew cleaned out ditches on Red Bone Road, St. Matthews Road, St. Andrews Lane, Malehorn Road, Blackhorse Road, Hilltop Road, and Davis Lane. The road crew filled in holes on Dewees Lane, Sheeder Mill Road, Schoolhouse Lane and Saw Mill Road. The road crew also removed fallen trees from Beaver Hill Road, Hollow Road, and Kimberton Roads. The road crew salted roads on January 5, 6, 7, 11, 14, and 30, 2017.
- Environmental testing related to the Dirt & Gravel Road Program was conducted in January. Environmental testing results were submitted to US Fish and Wildlife for review

and approval prior to implementation. Pre - bid meeting for double chip project is February 6, 2017. Bids are due on February 21, 2017. The preparation of bid documents for road paving is underway.

Respectfully,

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