

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Board Of Supervisors

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**The Board of Supervisors meets in
the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are held
at the Municipal Building**

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The Hereford Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the 2023 Budget at their December 20th meeting. The total budget of \$1,670,784 addresses several important issues with NO increase in taxes. Fifty-five percent of the budget will be spent on maintenance of roads. Scheduled roads to be maintained are Gun Club Road, Old Company Road, Grouse Hill Road, Mulberry Hill and Hert Lane. Also, to be addressed is the Spring Hill Road drainage pipe replacement. Several small sinkholes opened in the road and its shoulder this past summer. The township loader will also be replaced this coming year with a John Deere 544 P Wheel Loader with forks. The Board of Supervisors entered into a five-year lease-to-own agreement to purchase this \$235,200 piece of equipment.

The Township continues to save money by participating in a cooperative effort with our neighboring municipalities – Longswamp Township, Rockland Township and Topton Borough. The four municipal road crews work together on road paving, line painting, crack sealing and tree removal activities. The Co-op will be purchasing a wider asphalt zipper to replace an aging piece of equipment. The cost of \$308,945 will be split evenly between all four municipalities.

The Board of Supervisors has narrowed the arborist's scope of work, which, significantly decreased the number of trees needing attention to those in the right of way that are dead or dying. The township road crew, with the assistance of the Co-op, will continue to remove trees in the right of way as time and weather permits that are not in conflict with utility lines. The Township will be asking for a meeting with Met-Ed to discuss the trees in conflict with the overhead electric lines. \$25,000 has been budgeted for dangerous tree mitigation and another \$15,000 budgeted for equipment rental for items such as a lift.

Finally, the last item of note, the office will begin work on the process of codifying all the township ordinances. With the help of General Code, all township ordinances will be scanned, reviewed, revised to meet current laws, and readopted in one volume that will be indexed and available online. The process could take three years to complete, but once finished will make the information easily accessible to our residents.

Unfortunately, the repair of Camp Mensch Mill Road was not included in projects for 2023 due to the estimated cost of repair of \$581,000. The Supervisors and staff will continue to look for cost effective ways to repair this road and search for grants to help mitigate the expense. The detailed budget is available online for the public to view at any time at www.herefordtownship.org.

Hereford Township Mailbox Policy

Any installation within the township road's right of way, including mailboxes, parked cars, or trash cans during a snow event, is placed there at the owner's risk. Owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break or push the post over.

The Township shall not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow.

The Township may compensate for any mailbox located in the roadway right-of-way and that has had physical contact with the snow plow at a like-kind replacement cost not to exceed \$100.00.

Roadcrew Rumbblings

Hereford Township has an ordinance prohibiting parking cars along roadways during a snow emergency. During ANY snow event, we ask that residents remove their vehicles from the side of the roadway so the plows can safely clear the roads.

Also, a reminder to move your trash cans when it snows. Blocking the road makes it hard for the plow trucks to get through.

Be Smart Drive Safe

Hotel Hereford Circa 1910

Hereford Township has a book for sale that was created by our previous Heritage Society. The 400-page book is called Early Times in Hereford Township, and covers the history and families of Hereford Township. Each book sells for \$50, cash, or check, and is available at the township building.



Look online at www.herefordtownship.org for Board of Supervisors meeting updates, minutes, and agendas. We are also on Facebook (link on our website)!

Dog Licenses

All Dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1st of each year. As a courtesy to our residents, dog licenses are available at the Hereford Township office during regular business hours.

Regular and Senior Citizen Annual Dog Licenses may also be purchased online at www.padoglicense.com. 2023 Licenses are available December 1st.

Crossley Farm Super Fund Site Update

In 2012, the EPA installed groundwater extraction wells along Dale Road and built a treatment plant that is successfully removing TCE contamination from the groundwater and stopping the contamination from spreading at the 200-acre Crossley Farm.

Recently, the EPA completed a cleanup design to address the contamination "hotspot." \$10.9 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will go toward construction of groundwater extraction wells, piping groundwater to the existing treatment plant, and expanding the existing treatment plant to be able to treat the additional highly contaminated groundwater. The goal of the Site cleanup is to restore groundwater quality and ensure it meets maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), which are drinking water standards from the Safe Drinking Water Act. Work is expected to begin in Spring 2023.

For more information on the Site, please visit: www.epa.gov/superfund/crossley.

Recreational Committee

2023 Meeting Dates: January 24, March 28, April 25, June 27, September 26, November 28

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

The Rec Committee would like to thank all our residents for using our parks and invite residents interested to join the committee.

Environmental Advisory Council

2023 Meeting Dates: January 9, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

We would like to welcome our new members. In addition to advising the Board of Supervisors on environmental issues, the EAC has been asked to make recommendations and act as a conduit for tree removal and residents' concerns.

Hereford Estates Permits

Residents of Hereford Estates who apply for a building permit need to first obtain approval from Hereford Estates, before coming to the township. When applying to the township for a permit you will need: the Hereford Estates permit/approval, the township permit application, your plans or drawings and applicable fees. Township permit applications are on our website at www.herefordtownship.org under the permits button at the top of the page.

Permits can take 2-3 weeks to come back to our office.

Temple University Paid Study

Researchers at Temple University are looking for families who drink water from a private well for a paid study. They are interested in keeping children safe from illnesses that can be spread by drinking water from private wells. Families will receive a free whole-home UV water treatment system (value of device + installation = \$1,000). Families can participate from home. To be part of this NIH-funded study, families must have a child three years old or younger and live in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Lehigh, or Montgomery County. For more information, visit their website at www.wetrial.org, call them at (215)204-5124, or email them at wetrial@temple.edu

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In person collection dates at the Hereford
Township Building are listed on your tax bill.