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**Monday-Thursday**

8:00am to 4:00pm

**Friday**

8:00am to 12:00pm

*Except Holidays*

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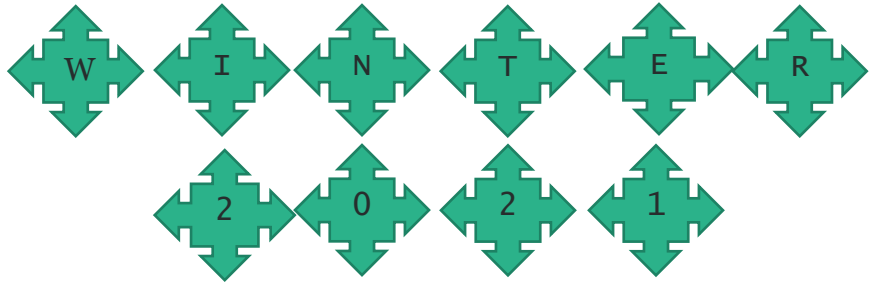
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# **Clinton Township Butler County Pennsylvania Newsletter**



## Board of Supervisors

**Kathy B. Allen**  
Chairperson

**William C. Duncan**  
Vice Chairperson

**James H. Halstead**  
Supervisor

The Supervisors are the officials elected by you the residents and are responsible for total governance of the Township. This responsibility includes administering all Federal and State Laws, as well as local Township Ordinances.

The Board of Supervisors are also responsible for maintenance of Township roads, administering State and County stormwater management regulations, and enforcement of zoning, building, and subdivision/land development regulations.

## Township Manager

To kick off the new year of 2021, the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors hired the first Township Manager to assist them in the matters involving governance of the Township. The Township hired Thomas L. Hartwig, P.E. as their Township Manager/Engineer/Road Master. Previously Tom served as the Township's engineering representative from Arcadis for the past 7 years. Tom is a registered Professional Engineer and Registered Professional Surveyor in the State of Pennsylvania. He is also a DEP licensed Water and Wastewater System Operator in Pennsylvania. Tom has 46 years of experience working with Townships, Cities, Boroughs, and Water and Sewer Authorities in Western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. Prior to joining Clinton Township, Tom worked 28 years for Killam Associates and 19 years for Arcadis, both prominent national engineering firms. During his time in the consulting field, Tom gained valuable experience with the municipal budgeting process, preparation of the Comprehensive Plans, preparation of Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances as well as Zoning ordinances, water and sewer municipal planning, municipal financing, site development and planning, and personnel policy and management.

Tom and his wife Cyndi reside in Franklin Park Borough and have two grown children and one grandchild. Tom is a graduate of Butler High School (1970) and the University of Notre Dame in 1974 with a BS in Civil Engineering. Tom will serve multiple roles with the Township as Manager, Engineer, and Road Master. With his engineering license and knowledge of the Township, Tom will perform many engineering tasks that were previously done by outside consultants.

## Township Fun Facts

- Did you know that based upon the 2010 Census, Clinton Township had a population of 2,864?
- Clinton Township is responsible for maintaining 37.88 miles of Township Roads! This does not include state-maintained roads that run through the Township.
- With a strong desire to remain an agriculturally oriented community, Clinton Township consists of 15,553 acres of land. It is about the same size as Winfield Township but larger than Jefferson Township.
- The first known settlers in Clinton Township came to the Township in 1794 with Patrick Harvey of County Down, Ireland. The Township was incorporated in 1854.
- The Township is policed by the Pennsylvania State Police and fire protection is provided by Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Department.
- Did you know that Clinton Township appoints an Animal Control Officer each year!

## New Board Appointments

Township government operates best when residents are actively involved in the governance of the Township through involvement on boards and committees. At the January 4, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, several residents were appointed for the first time to various board positions. Accordingly, the following residents who expressed interest in serving the Township as volunteers were appointed to the position shown:

- Mark Duster, Vacancy Board Chairman
- David McRoberts to the Planning Commission
- Marty Micko to the Planning Commission
- Mark Duster to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Mark Duster to the Building Code Appeals Board
- Brian Snyder to the Ag Security Board
- David McRoberts to the Ag Security Board
- Bill Duncan to the Ag Security Board

Brian Snyder was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2020 to fill the seat previously occupied by Dave Koren, who retired from the Planning Commission.

The Township also appointed Sarah Hancher of the Hancher Law Office in Zelenople as Township Solicitor for 2021 and David Ice as the new Township SEO for 2021. Dennis Sybert has also returned as the Township Animal Rescue Office for the current fiscal year.



## Business as Normal...

As many of you already know, the Township suffered a significant loss on Sunday February 21 as the Township's Public Works Garage was destroyed. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined as of this writing. The Township lost three trucks, including two plow trucks, and virtually all equipment and tools. There were no injuries and no fatalities with the fire!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Presently we are dealing with our insurance company and various adjusters and investigators. The State Police Fire Marshall and Investigator have been out, and insurance investigators are working on their investigation now. The Township is optimistic that our insurance coverage will take care of our losses.

Thanks to the efforts of the Township Emergency Management Coordinator Adam Hartwig, claims were filed promptly on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, and arrangements were made with Middlesex Township, Winfield Township, and Cranberry Township to "borrow" plow trucks, a backhoe, and a wheel loader to see us through the balance of the winter season. Those Townships promptly delivered equipment to our Township building Sunday afternoon and Monday Morning (the day of and the day after our fire.) Many other Townships and private individuals have contacted the Township offering equipment and services during our time of need.

**It is business as normal for Clinton Township** thanks to the generosity of Middlesex, Winfield, and Cranberry Townships. We already have three trucks on order scheduled for delivery this spring and late fall, so we will be adding to our fleet in that manner in 2021.

Thank you for your prayers, concerns, and well wishes during this challenging time. YOU and our neighbors are what make Clinton Township special.

## \*Snow Safety Tips\*

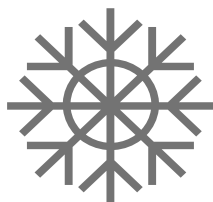


\*Please DO NOT shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard.

\*If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway.

\*Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts. Experience has shown that reduced visibility during a snowstorm makes it difficult to avoid this situation.

\*Remember, the Township is not responsible for all roads in the municipality. Some roads are maintained by the state. You may see our trucks travel state roads to get to other township roads.



## 2021 Township Road Projects

This year is shaping up to be a busy year for the Township with both road and bridge projects. The Township is planning to seal coat (chip seal) several Township Roads as well as pave the Township's portion of Coal Hollow Road. Roads scheduled for Tar and Chip resurfacing include Westminster, Deer Creek, Albin, Brewer, Stark, Callan, Sunmine, Goldscheitter, and Hidden Hill. Quite possibly Tower, Wylie, and Old Route 228 may be added to the list if bid prices come in favorably. Several of these roads will be paid for in part by Penn Energy and Range Resources.

Restoration work on a portion of Tower Road will be done by the Saxonburg Area Authority as part of their Tower Road Sewer Replacement Project. Additionally, Butler County is planning to replace the bridges on Wylie Road and Brewer Roads, while PennDOT will replace Bridge Number 2 on Saxonburg Boulevard. Through an association between PennDOT and Butler County, PennDOT will be doing the work on all three bridges. Merlo Construction will be doing the work on the bridges.

Clinton Township applied for funding last year in 2020 to replace the Victory Road Bridge. Pending receipt of grant funding from the State, this project may well move forward in 2021. Engineering work has been completed on this major bridge replacement project. Additionally, the Township has plans to complete small bridge replacements on Cannon Hill Road and Christy Road.

There are some drainage projects and tree trimming that the Township's Road Department wants to accomplish this year also.

## Clinton Township Planning Commission

The Clinton Township Planning Commission is charged with several responsibilities by the Board of Supervisors including:

- Preparing and updating the Comprehensive Plan.
- Review and update of the Official Township Map.
- Prepare Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Administer the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- Review all planned development, subdivisions, lot line revisions, and commercial development, making recommendations to the Supervisors on each submittal reviewed.

### Planning Commission Members

Kevin Corace- Chairperson

Pat Hedba- Vice-Chairperson

Marty Micko- Member

David McRoberts- Member

Brian Snyder- Member

Bill Duncan- Member

Todd Cress- Member

Barbara Bartley- (Alternate)

Ashley Kohley- (Secretary)

## Septic System Management

DID YOU KNOW that as a homeowner you are responsible for maintaining your septic system? Did you know that maintaining your septic system protects your investment in your home? Did you know that you should periodically inspect your septic system and pump out your septic tank?

If properly designed, constructed, and MAINTAINED, your septic system can provide long-term effective treatment of household wastewater. If your septic system is not maintained, you might need to replace it, costing you thousands of dollars. A malfunctioning system can contaminate groundwater that might be also a source of drinking water. And, if you sell your home, your septic system must be in good working order.

The Environmental Protection Agency says that you should have your septic system inspected every three (3) years by a professional and your septic tank should be pumped out as recommended by the inspector every 3 to 5 years. All wastewater generated in your home or business should be discharged to the septic system, this includes water from sinks, showers, toilets, bathtubs, and the gray water from washing machines.

Your drainfield is an important part of your septic system. No pipe from a septic tank OR drainfield should be discharging to a stream, drainage ditch along a road, catch basin, or onto another person's property. Only grass should be planted over and near the septic tank and drain field. Roots from trees and shrubs might penetrate and clog the drainfield. Also, no vehicles should be parked on any part of the septic system and the weight may compact the soil or damage drainfield pipes.

Remember, no roof drains, basement sump pumps, or other sources of rainwater or surface water should be connected to the septic tank or drainfield. By properly maintaining your septic system, you can avoid system failures and enforcement action that the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer will have to initiate with the State Department of Environmental Protection.

### 2020 Census Update

The County Commissioners announced that figures for the 2020 Census will be available in September 2021.

This is the second time the Census Data release date has been extended. Butler County was one of the top counties in the entire State concerning resident participation. 73.3% of residents responded. In 2010 Butler achieved 73% participation in the Census.

### **Building Permits and Zoning Certificates**

Building Permits are required for all new structures that will be occupied or additions onto occupied structures. This includes structures serving as residences, garages, businesses, and accessory structures such as storage facilities or pole buildings. Additionally, Zoning Certificates are required for any structure built or modified on your property, even a storage shed.

On-lot sewage permits are required from the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for any new construction on a lot within the Township and a driveway permit is required for any new driveway built for a property.

## **Spring Valley Park**

Did you know Clinton Township has a beautiful park located off of Victory Road? We are very proud to have a proactive group of men and women that work year-round to keep our park beautiful and well maintained. They do this all voluntarily!

### **Spring Valley Park Q & A**

Q: Does Spring Valley Park offer Pavilion Rentals?

A: YES! We have a beautiful pavilion with lots of parking space, restrooms, and electric.

Q: How do I go about requesting the Pavilion for a birthday party or other event.

A: Visit [www.myclintontwp.net](http://www.myclintontwp.net) and click on Spring Valley Park. You will find a rental calendar with available dates. You will need a valid email to use this service. You may also contact Ashley Kohley at the Township to answer any rental related questions you may have.

**Attention Clinton Township Residents...**

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Township Newsletter

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